

Town of Wilbraham

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Minutes from April 29, 2016 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:35 am

Present: Committee members – Dan Kelley, Chair; Tom Magill, Vice Chair; George Reich, Secretary. Town Staff - Anthony Aube, WPA Executive Director; Nick Breault, Town Administrator.

Absent – Committee Member Dan Cochran

1. Dan Kelley, Chairman, wanted to insure that Special Town Counsel will only bill the Town when the communication is initiated by the Committee or Town. Nick Breault stated that this was his understanding and experience with Bill August.
2. Reviewed March 9, 2016 minutes. T Magill moved to accept minutes; G Reich Seconded; Minutes approved, unanimously.
3. Anthony Aube recapped a discussion that he had with Tom Cohan of Charter. All of the WPA fees and capital funding that Charter bills to Wilbraham subscribers, are passed back to WPA without any deductions for administration by Charter. Fees are charged per subscriber and not based on the amount of a subscribers Cable TV bill.
4. Dan Kelly reviewed outage reporting with the Committee.
5. Charter did submit its License Renewal Application to the Town on March 14, 2016, along with a proposed contract. However, Dan Kelly reports that Special Town Counsel suggested that the proposed contract may be changed by Charter. The Committee agreed to read the current contract proposal before its next meeting.
6. The Committee discussed the next steps with respect to the contract. George Reich made a motion to authorize the Chair to forward the contract (either the current proposal or new one) to Town Counsel if it is materially the same as the Sturbridge contract (which the Committee had previously reviewed as a model for Wilbraham). Tom Magill seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

7. T Magill moved to adjourn; G Reich seconded; Adjourned at 10:30 am

Respectfully submitted by:

George Reich