

Belmont  
Cable Television Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes

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DATE: February 15, 2022  
TIME: 2:16 PM

Date: October 26, 2021

Location: Zoom meeting

Committee Members present: Mark Carthy, Chet Messer, Jonathan Birge

Others: Peter Epstein, Jeff Hansell

Chairman Mark Carthy call the meeting to order at 12:06 PM.

The minutes of the joint meeting with the board of selectman held on May 17, 2021, were reviewed, and approved.

Peter Epstein joined the meeting at 12:10 PM. On October 13, 2021, he submitted a draft copy of the proposed Belmont Verizon lease renewal document to the committee for discussion at this meeting. This document was the same in most respects with the current license between Belmont and Verizon except with an updated term date.

After discussion it was agreed that Peter would work with Jeff Hansell to determine the number of HD channels to be provided by Verizon within the four total currently being provided keeping in mind the impact on customers of Verizon with basic service.

Jeff Hansell agreed to provide Peter with a copy of the proposed capital spending for the next five years in support of a request for a payment of \$250,000 over the term of the agreement granted to Verizon by the Town.

There was also a discussion of the customer service standards the Town would expect Verizon to provide to its customers for bill payments and equipment exchanges.

Peter and Jeff also agreed to finalize the list of service drops to be provided by Verizon under the license agreement.

At the conclusion of discussion Peter agreed to revise the draft document for submittal to Verizon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chet Messer, Secretary Pro Tem