

# MILLBURY PUBLIC ACCESS/CABLE TELEVISION COMMISSION MINUTES

Public Access Studio – 12 Martin Street – Millbury, MA  
Thursday September 21, 2017 – 7:15 p.m.

**Present:** Paul DiCicco; Joseph Coggans; Richard Carew; Mary Krumsiek; Robert Sullivan;  
Public Access Director Kevin Krassopoulos;  
Roger Desrosiers arrived at 7:25 p.m.; Jeffrey Dore arrived at 7:50 p.m.

**Absent:** Associate Member Michael Lawton

Chairman DiCicco opened the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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## REORGANIZATION

The reorganization of the board was tabled until the full board is present.

## PREVIOUS MINUTES

**Motion** made by Joseph Coggans, seconded by Mary Krumsiek to approve the meeting minutes of May 18, 2017. **Motion** carried unanimously.

## MAIL

Letter from Pamela Goldstein, Associate General Counsel at Verizon, dated September 15, 2017 re: Cable Television Final License Granted to Verizon New England Inc. (the “Final License”) (attached).

Letter from Sarah Clark, Department Secretary for the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (DTC), dated September 2, 2017 re: License Expiration Notice (attached).

Letter from Anna Lucey, Director of Government Affairs at Charter Communications, dated June 30, 2017 re: changes to the channel lineup (attached).

Per Chairman DiCicco, Kevin will try to get representatives from Verizon and Charter in for the November meeting.

## DIRECTOR’S REPORT

**Cable in the Classroom** – The High School has removed all the televisions from the classrooms. At Elmwood and Shaw Schools, televisions are still in the classrooms.

Mr. Desrosiers asked about the shows that the Video Production class produces; the students upload them directly to YouTube from the editing software. It can then be watched on the SMART Board in the classrooms.

Mr. Sullivan asked what they did with all the TVs; they discarded them. The 5 cable boxes provided at no cost from Charter to the High School are still in a locked room in the school; Kevin does not want to see them get repurposed and reused by someone else.

Mr. Carew stated that the need for cable access is so minimal with today’s web streaming of video that maybe we should negotiate the boxes that we do need and use here and at the Town Hall as the free boxes. We currently have one free box.

Mr. Desrosiers asked Kevin to find out what the plans are for the other two schools so we can have that information.

Chairman DiCicco said that as Public Access Director, Kevin has the right to ask about the boxes. Mr. Coggans asked if all the boxes belong to Public Access; they belong to the town of Millbury. Coggans said we are the distributing factor; if they are not being used simply ask for them back. We shouldn't have to guess or chase them down; if they are not being used then all the equipment should be in the studio. Mr. Sullivan agreed and added they should be under lock and key and if they disappear then it is a police case. Kevin said it will not be a problem getting them back.

Mr. Desrosiers said should there be a change due to an update, Kevin would be responsible for exchanging them, making it Public Access' obligation and they should be turned over to Kevin. Ms. Krumsiek agreed, and stated that we worked very hard to get those free boxes.

**Auditorium Acoustic Panels** – Everything was installed over the summer. However, prior to installation, Kevin mentioned the project at a Department Head meeting. The Fire Chief said that the fire suppression system in the auditorium was done with nothing on the walls, the system in that room was not designed for that so he will have to check the room. The Building Inspector said he needs to know how they will be hung and if they are flame-retardant. Kevin got the specs from his sales rep; they are spun fiberglass and they are zero smoke, zero flame. The Building Inspector also said that the project needs a building permit. Kevin said there is no fee and it is just to have a record of when and what was installed in the auditorium.

The feedback from the School Department is that they are a great improvement.

Mr. Coggans asked why it was continuously postponed; it was due to scheduling the crew when the auditorium was empty and the crew was available. Mr. Coggans stated that he supports Kevin's decision in getting the project done.

Jeffrey Dore arrived at 7:50 p.m.

**Upcoming Production Class** – Class is scheduled to start October 2<sup>nd</sup> for 6 weeks (Mondays) from 6 – 8 p.m. with 2 people, down from 4 people interested.

**Playback System** – Kevin had a demo of the Castus system. It has live streaming and video-on-demand for less money than TelVue. However, TelVue has now created a scaled-down version of its system to compete with Castus. Kevin hopes to make the purchase to coincide with the contract renewals.

**MISCELLANEOUS** - Jill Reddish is no longer with Verizon.

Chairman DiCicco asked about the audio from the meeting that was broadcast from the Library. Kevin explained that it was operator error, not the equipment, and that it was not his assistant's error.

Mr. Dore said he was watching the live broadcast and on Verizon it was skipping and pixilating multiple times.

Mr. Desrosiers asked about the status of the Video Production class. The teacher, Mr. Cunha, has 2 half-year classes now and there are 15 students in each class. Mr. Desrosiers suggested that maybe some of the students could be helpful to the department.

#### **REORGANIZATION**

The Chairman turned the meeting over to Public Access Director Kevin Krassopoulos. Mr. Coggans made a motion to keep the board the way it is; Paul DiCicco as Chairman, Joseph Coggans as Vice Chairman, and Richard Carew as Clerk. Motion seconded by Mary Krumsiek. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Verizon contract expires September 8, 2018. We need to have an Ascertainment and a Public Hearing in January or February. We have a regularly scheduled meeting in January.

The Chairman would like to have the DTC representatives come to the November meeting, and not Verizon and Charter (as mentioned earlier in the meeting).

Mr. Sullivan asked Mr. Carew about what the future may be bringing and how can we improve our knowledge of when this technology is going to change. What he thought was coming in 5 years came in 3 months. If we no longer need to get boxes, maybe there is something else we need to get and can negotiate. There must be something in the contract that is not boilerplate. Kevin said historically the licenses for each town have been for cable only.

Mr. Carew stated that if the people of Millbury are going to get their information through a web streaming server provider not through a cable license everything is going to change. If Verizon or Charter or whomever says we provide it through streaming internet, you are not needing to grant any licenses to stream anything on the internet. He said to Mr. Sullivan's point, maybe it is 10 years out, but it might be within this next license that we are looking at severe changes. He worries about what our licenses will mean to the people, the town and to this board. Chairman DiCicco asked Kevin to get a list together of 5-7 questions to ask the DTC.

The members discussed going into Executive Session for contract negotiations with Verizon and Charter when their representatives attend a cable meeting.

#### **CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT**

Mailing sent out from Charter to subscribers. Mr. Coggans thinks this lawsuit resulted from people filing a Class Action Lawsuit due to Charter's lack of fixing their many problems.

#### **OLD BUSINESS – None**

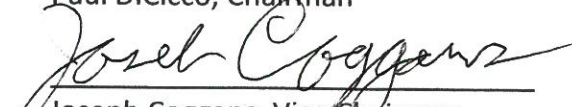
**NEXT MEETING** - November 16, 2017 in the large conference room at 127 Elm Street.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** made by Robert Sullivan, seconded by Joseph Coggans to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Sampson

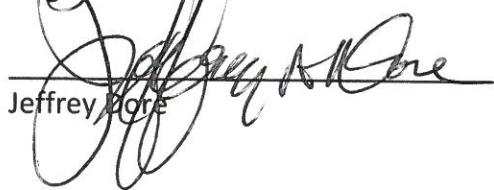
  
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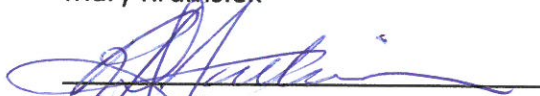
  
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Associate General Counsel

**BY FIRST CLASS MAIL**

September 15, 2017

Town of Millbury  
Office of the Town Manager  
127 Elm Street  
Millbury, MA 01527  
Attention: Town Manager

***Re: Cable Television Final License Granted to Verizon New England Inc. (the "Final License")***

Dear Town Manager:

Pursuant to Section 13.6 of the Final License, Verizon New England Inc. ("Verizon") hereby advises that notices required to be sent to Verizon under the Final License shall be mailed to:

Verizon New England Inc.  
6 Bowdoin Square, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02114  
Attention: Donna C. Cupelo, Region Vice President

with a copy to:

Verizon Legal Department  
140 West Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
Attention: Monica Azare, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel

Thank you for your kind cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Pamela N. Goldstein  
Associate General Counsel

cc: Cable Television Advisory Committee



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KAREN CHARLES PETERSON  
COMMISSIONER

September 2, 2017

Chairman Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall  
127 Elm Street  
Millbury MA 01527

Re: License Expiration Notice

Dear Chairman:

According to the Department of Telecommunications and Cable's (Department) records, your cable television license (license) with Verizon New England, Inc. will expire on 9/8/2018. As the Issuing Authority, you should have completed the ascertainment process of determining your community's cable-related needs and reviewing Verizon New England, Inc.'s performance under the current license. In order to provide sufficient time to review a company's formal renewal proposal, all ascertainment should be completed within 6 months from the date of this letter. Once ascertainment is complete, you should notify Verizon New England, Inc. and provide it with your results.

If you have not completed your ascertainment process, or anticipate difficulty in doing so within the next six months, the Department is available to assist you through the final stages of license renewal. Should you require assistance, please contact the Department at 617-305-3580 or [dtc.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dtc.efiling@state.ma.us).

Sincerely,

Sara J. Clark  
Department Secretary



June 30, 2017

Dear Municipal Official:

This letter gives notice that the following changes will be made to your channel lineup:

- Universal HD will cease transmission of this channel on all service levels on or about July 14, 2017
- The Olympic Channel will be launched on the SPP Tier 1 (Silver) level of service in SD & HD on or about July 14, 2017

For a complete lineup, visit [spectrum.com/channels](http://spectrum.com/channels).  
To view this notice online, visit [spectrum.net/programmingnotices](http://spectrum.net/programmingnotices).

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 774-243-9735 or via email at [Anna.Lucey@charter.com](mailto:Anna.Lucey@charter.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anna P. Lucey".

Anna P. Lucey  
Director, Government Affairs  
Charter Communications