



# Town of Northborough

"Cable" Committee meeting

10/5/11

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**Present:** Kathy Dalglish, NCAT Director  
Dick Swee Chair  
Jeff Junker  
Jim Murphy

**Absent:** Bruce De Graaf, Jim Ares

**At 7:00 pm, Mr. Swee called to order the "Cable" Committee monthly meeting.**

**The meeting focused on 2 major topics:**

- Charter contract renewal proposal and process (attached)
- Verizon build out – concerns on apparent progress to meet contract commitment.

**Verizon Build out:**

To address progress concerns, the committee recommends that Verizon be asked to report on progress at the selectmen's meeting. See also Force Majeure Verizon letter attached.

**Charter Contract Renewal:**

We reviewed an updated set of proposed changes (submitted prior to the meeting) to the Charter Communications contract for the purpose of renewal. Some additional changes were made and the final result is attached. This ends the discussion on the proposal as it currently stands. The next steps include gaining inputs as part of an ascertainment process.

The attached proposal, submitted by Dick Swee and reviewed at the last 3 committee meetings, incorporates all discussion and comments from the committee during those meetings.

**Key points in the attached proposal are (See attached for detailed proposed wording):**

- Extend current contract for 5 more years –makes it a 10 year contract with 5 years already "gone".
- Payment Changes
  - To 5% revenue
  - Funding floor – funding cannot drop by more than 20% of peak amount
- Senior & Handicapped discount changes – no means test
- School, library, senior center internet for free

- PEG channels location – must be in Basic Service Neighborhood
- I-NET's maintenance FREE & eliminate separate Data Services Contract by incorporating it as section in this contract as a new Communications Services section
- Capital Equipment funding at \$125,000
- Additional Definitions to be added

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dick Swee  
Chair**