

**Uxbridge Cable Advisory Committee  
November 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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**Uxbridge Cable Advisory Committee Members present:** Mark Stacy (Chair), Andrew Gorman (Vice Chair), Thomas McNulty (Member)

**Absent:** James Hogan (Member)

**Also Present:** Town Manager Angie Ellison and Director of Uxbridge Community Access Television (UCAT) Barry Giles.

Meeting held at Uxbridge High School (TV Studio).

It being 6:00 PM, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, Chairman Stacy called the meeting to order.

**Old Business**

**Discussion of Procedure for Contract Negotiation:** Ms. Ellison attended the meeting with the Cable Advisory Committee (CAC) to discuss the early steps for contract negotiations. Mr. Giles provided members with a copy of the previous contract between the town and Charter Communications at the last meeting, and the CAC subsequently reviewed the document. A specific item that Mr. Giles and Ms. Ellison had discussed was the fact that the fiber installations were not completed as stipulated in the contract. Mr. Giles provided a correspondences from Patrick Mistler which stated that fiber currently runs to town hall and the new fire station. The senior center is connected via a wireless transmitter and receiver, which can be problematic as it fades out at times.

The CAC recalled that the school had fiber installed first and other town buildings were part of the prior negotiations. At the time, some town IT staff expressed hesitation with a private entity owning the fiber connection. The CAC, Mr. Giles and Ms. Ellison concurred that Charter completing its fiber installations either prior to or in conjunction with the negotiation should be a priority.

The CAC spoke generally about the contract, including the \$105,000K allowance over the lifespan of the agreement. At this time it is uncertain whether or not that amount would be provided when the company seeks a new license. Additionally, there were discrepancies in the contract where in some cases both the town manager and the board of selectmen (BOS) were referred to as the licensing authority. The CAC agreed that the FCC designates the BOS for that role and the contract should consistently reflect that responsibility.

CAC members stated that a number of public hearings/meetings would need to take place throughout the negotiation process for community awareness. A possible joint meeting with the BOS was also considered.

*Ms. Ellison left the meeting following the conclusion of the contract discussion.*

Discuss Plans for Education Channel: Passed over (Superintendent could not attend due to meeting conflict).

Member Issues: Although Mr. Hogan could not attend this meeting, the CAC discussed his commentary to the BOS at their prior meeting regarding the proposed FCC rule change. The rule would allow the cable companies to deduct the value of their services from the franchise fees they pay to municipalities, which would directly impact the budget and PEG allocations.

Program Coordinator's Report: Mr. Giles reports that they have recently covered the state finals field hockey game in which Uxbridge participated. Mr. Giles also noted that coverage of government meetings continues to grow, especially with the frequency of recent BOS meetings and the addition of filming the Recycling and Sustainability Committee. UCAT also covered a portion of the recent Veterans Day parade and is trying to find ways to cover small events like the Blackstone Valley Community Chorus.

Meeting Minutes:


The minutes of the April 17, 2018 minutes were passed over due to lack of quorum of the members present from said meeting. A draft copy of these minutes has been prepared by the vice chair and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The CAC reviewed the October 25, 2018 meeting minutes prepared by the vice chair. Mr. Stacy moved to approve the October 25, 2018 meeting minutes as written. Mr. McNulty seconded the motion, and the vote carried unanimously 3-0-0.

*At 7:30PM Mr. Gorman made a motion to adjourn the October 25, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McNulty and passed 3-0-0.*

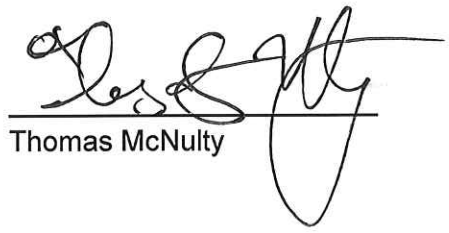
Respectfully prepared by Andrew Gorman. Approved on 11/17/2019

  
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Mark Stacy, Chair

  
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Andrew Gorman, Vice Chair

**(Absent)**

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Jim Hogan

  
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Thomas McNulty