

**Belmont Cable Television Advisory Committee (CTAC)  
Meeting Minutes**

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Date: May 17, 2017  
Location: Town Hall, Conference Room 1  
Attendees  
Committee: Mark Carthy, Committee Member, Chairman  
Chet Messer, Committee Member, Acting Secretary  
Jonathan Greene, Committee Member  
Others: Attorney Peter J. Epstein, Epstein & August for the Town of Belmont  
Douglas Meagher, Acting Assistant Town Administrator  
Jeff Hansell, Executive Director, Belmont Media Center  
Phyllis Marshall, Acting Town Administrator  
John Harrington, Kerbey Harrington Pinkard LLP, for Verizon

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM.

Members of the committee met to discuss strategy for the discussions and negotiations when Atty. Harrington joins the meeting at 3:30PM. Atty. Epstein reported that Jill Reddish, Verizon's representative, has decided to retire and will no longer be attending negotiations with the Town. Atty. Epstein reported that Verizon has agreed to provide one HD channel, upon request, after an approved agreement with the Town.

Atty. John Harrington joined the meeting at 3:35PM. He commented that Jill Reddish's replacement has not been named. He noted that Verizon was interested in moving negotiations forward to completion by being more flexible than its earlier draft language. The earlier language reflected the uncertainty of whether Verizon wanted to remain in the cable business. They do desire a shorter-term agreement.

The Town committee informed Atty. Harrington that it proposes a five-year term subject to agreement on final language on all other sections and agreement on variable capital payment methodology. Under the latter term, a portion of the capital contribution would be paid on a per subscriber basis and the remainder on a percentage of revenue basis.

Atty. Harrington indicated he understood the Town's position on most issues discussed in prior meetings, Verizon will provide within ten days or so a draft of language for review of a five year agreement reflecting the positions of both parties on all issues except the capital funding.

Minutes of April 13, 2017 meeting approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chet Messer  
Acting Secretary