

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

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Date: June 23, 2016
Location: Town Hall, Conference Room 1
Attendees
Committee: Mark Carthy, Committee Member, Chairman
Chet Messer, Committee Member, Acting Secretary
Jonathan Green, Committee Member
Others: Phyllis Marshall, Assistant Town Administrator
Peter Epstein, Epstein & August
Paul Crane, Consultant, for Verizon
John Harrington, Kerbey Harrington Pinkard LLP, for Verizon
Joshua Grubman, Attorney, Kerbey Harrington Pinkard LLP, for Verizon
Jill Redish, Verizon

Meeting called to order at 3:06 pm.

Action on the minutes from May 10 and June 7, 2016 meeting deferred to next meeting.

Peter Epstein reviewed elements of prior meeting for Paul Crane, as this was his first meeting. During this discussion when he noted the possible option to extend the current agreement, Crane responded that Verizon will not extend the current agreement and expects to reach agreement. Chair Carthy noted the CTAC is ready to help this happen. Epstein then proposed that the next meeting be held on July 14 to keep the negotiations moving forward. Verizon indicated they will make the meeting date work.

Atty. Epstein in his comments on the revised 6/22/16 proposal from Verizon noted that very few of the concerns discussed in the prior meeting were reflected, or not reflected, without explanation in this latest proposal. The Town needs to understand the reasons for the language proposed in the Verizon draft. Crane responded that Verizon needs language to govern potential changes in the industry and will not agree to a 10-year agreement.

Back and forth discussions then ensued on specific sections of the agreement. Verizon noted that in several sections the proposed language tracks the federal law definitions. There was agreement that required customer notices could be sent electronically but a provision to require paper notice to customers who request same must be included.

The Town remains committed to a 10 year agreement, the form of the agreement it proposed, resolution of the capital payment, the ability to the cablecast in HD, have its programs included in the program guide and a discount program for senior citizens.

Verizon agreed to provide an explanation and example of their proposed gross revenue calculation at the next meeting.

The parties agreed that the next meeting would be held on July 14, 2016 at 4 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.