

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

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Date: July 14, 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  
John Harrington, Kerbey Harrington Pinkard LLP, for Verizon  
Joshua Grubman, Attorney, Kerbey Harrington Pinkard LLP, for Verizon  
Jill Redish, Verizon  
Jeff Hansell, Executive Director, Belmont Media Center

Meeting called to order at 3:42 pm.

Minutes of May 10, 2016 and June 7, 2016 meetings approved.

Verizon representatives joined the meeting at 4PM.

Peter Epstein and Chair Carthy expressed concern that the progress of negotiations is not acceptable to the Town. The June 30, 2016 draft submitted for review again failed to adequately reflect changes the Town requested and in other sections the Town's issues were not addressed in the draft. As a result, the timetable for presentation of a new franchise agreement to the Board of Selectmen is in jeopardy.

Chair Carthy then raised the following issues/concerns contained in the June 30 draft for back and forth discussion: definition of Gross Annual Revenues, Definition of Video Service Provider ("VSP"), Verizon proposed five-year term, proposed modification of PEG support, definition of a service area, PEG interconnections and the cablecasting, capital funding for PEG, no PEG access designee rights, and bill payment. Also noted was Verizon's failure to provide sample gross revenue calculations under their new definition versus the current agreement.

Chair Carthy then noted and discussed the following issues from prior meetings that were not addressed in the June 30 draft: HD channels, electronic program guide, video on demand, Internet service, senior discount, my own language in the proposed Verizon agreement addressing the use of public ways as included in article 4 of the Comcast renewal license, the use of the Belmont agreement format versus the Verizon agreement format.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.