

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

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Date: January 23, 2017
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
Jeff Hansell, Executive Director, Belmont Media Center
Verizon: John Harrington, Kerbey Harrington Pinkard LLP, for Verizon
Joshua Grubman, Attorney, Kerbey Harrington Pinkard LLP, for Verizon
Jill Reddish, Verizon

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm.

Discussed strategy options after Verizon rejected the September 28, 2016 offer voted by the CTAC committee members. The discussion included a review of the additions, changes and comments of Verizon on November 16, 2016 in their update of the renewal license prepared by Atty. Epstein on November 7, 2016.

Verizon representatives joined meeting at 4:02PM PM.

Chair Carthy expressed concern that Verizon has been unwilling to make any concessions on issues material to the Town, which the CTAC has indicated should not be included in the renewal license, such as the proposed wording of the VSP (video service provider). The Town has during the negotiations offered alternatives, such as 5 or 7 year agreement without any movement by Verizon on other issues raised by the CTAC. Atty Harrington and Jill Redish indicated that based on changes made to the agreements in other towns, they are willing to discuss some of the items of concern to the Town.

Verizon indicated they are interested in a 5 or 7 year renewal and indicated a willingness to consider some alternative language in the agreement such as standstill but insisted the definition of some VSP must be in the agreement. The CTAC indicated the proposed language was not clearly defined and subject to misinterpretation.

After discussion and listing 13 items of concern to the Town, if was agree Atty. Epstein will prepare a draft of potential wording on the items identified for discussion with the CTAC. Subsequently, the proposed language will be presented to Verizon representatives prior to the next negotiation session to be scheduled at a later date.

Verizon representatives left the meeting a 5:30PM

Minutes of October 5, 2016 meeting approved for submission to Town Clerk's office.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chet Messer
Acting Secretary