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# Uxbridge Cable Advisory Committee December 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Uxbridge Cable Advisory Committee Members present**: Mark Stacy (Chair), James Hogan (Vice Chair), Thomas McNulty (Clerk), Benjamin Casper (Member), (collectively 'CAC')

Present: Director of Uxbridge Community Television (UCTV) Barry Giles Mr. Hogan was unable to attend.

# **CALL TO ORDER**

It being approximately 6:43PM, the meeting being properly posted, duly called, and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chair. He made the following statement to explain the purpose for the remote meeting:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Uxbridge Cable Advisory Committee is being conducted via remote participation.

# Charter/Spectrum Contract Review

The current Spectrum/Charter Contract will renew in 2021. The current contract expires in April 2021

The Cable Advisory Committee will hold three public meetings (remote only) for citizens of the town to speak. This meeting is the second of three. The final meeting is January 28, 2021. The contract is for CABLE TV services only, Internet and Telephone services are not part of the license agreement. A review of Town building fiber connection is being conducted by Mr. Giles.

A report for the Town Manger will be developed by the CAC, as the Commonwealth Department of Telecommunications has requested. The report will recommend fulfilment of the 2010 License terms in regard to fiber connection of Town Buildings. The CAC recommends changing of the Spectrum Franchise Fee from 4% to 5%. (This fee is paid by Spectrum Cable TV Subscribers to fund local access facilities/costs).

# Public Input Regarding Cable Contract

No members of the public attended or sent comments/questions regarding the renewal.

#### Minutes

Meeting Minutes from October 29, 2020 were approved as written.

Motion to accept made by Mr. McNulty, second by Mr. Casper. The vote was Mr. Stacy yes, Mr. Casper Yes, Mr. McNulty yes. The motion passed 3 – 0, yes.

# **Old Business**

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Mr. Giles and the Town Manager plan to move ahead of with the Town of Blackstone's request to manage the Blackstone Town Community Cable TV function.

Used equipment auction proceeding as planned, a single item remaining to be auctioned.

# **New Business**

The Annual Report of UCTV has been authored by Mr. Giles and submitted to the Town Manager for submission in December 2020 for 2020 ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. Giles reported that the Board of Health has provided COVID19 sanitizing tools. The tools are used on the UCTV Facility. All TV equipment is sanitized prior to checkout and on return. The UCTV Facility is sanitized after each use. (The Chemical used is plant based). Face masks are provided by UCTV for TV production use given by the BOH.

# Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM on the motion by Mr. McNulty, seconded by Mr. Stacy. The vote was Mr. Stacy yes, Mr. Casper Yes, Mr. McNulty yes. The motion passed 3 – 0, yes.

Respectfully prepared by Tom McNulty. Approved on 3/8/2023

Thomas McNulty, Clerk