

Uxbridge Cable Advisory Committee January 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Uxbridge Cable Advisory Committee Members:

James Hogan (Vice Chair), Thomas McNulty (Clerk), Benjamin Casper (Member),
(collectively 'CAC')

Director of Uxbridge Community Television (UCTV) Barry Giles

Mr. Stacy was unable to attend.

CALL TO ORDER

It being approximately 6:44PM, the meeting being properly posted, duly called, and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Mr. Hogan. 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 third (final) of three. The contract is for CABLE TV services only, Internet and Telephone services are not part of the license agreement.

A report for the Town Manager will be developed by the Mr. Giles and the CAC, as the Commonwealth Department of Telecommunications has requested. The report will recommend fulfillment 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.

Budget discussion

The budget was reviewed line by line noting changed items. The budget will be submitted per the Town Manager request.

Minutes

The December 3, 2020 Meeting minutes will be acted upon at the next meeting.

Old Business

No new information on regarding a potential agreement with the Town of Blackstone regarding Community Cable Management.

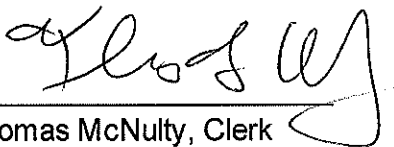
New Business

1. Spectrum is adding new channels
2. UCTV is covering live sporting events as spectators are not allowed. Viewer response has been positive. Student volunteers and UCTV staff doing the broadcast effort. This is a significant effort and well appreciated.
3. The UCTV Achieve web site used to stream programing has been updated.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:450PM on the motion by Mr. McNulty, seconded by Mr. Stacy. The vote was Mr. Hogan 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