

Town of Wilbraham - Cable TV Advisory Committee

Minutes from October 26, 2016 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am - Present: Committee members – Dan Kelley, Chair; Tom Magill, Vice Chair; George Reich, Secretary. Town Staff - Anthony Aube, WPA Executive Director; Nick Breault, Town Administrator. Other: Bill August – Counsel; Tom Cohan – Charter Communications

1. Dan Kelley, Chairman, Opened meeting.
2. Reviewed September 23, 2016 minutes. G Reich moved to accept minutes; T Magill seconded; Minutes approved, unanimously.
3. Tom Cohan presented Charter's offer in response to the Committee's request for a 4.5% WPA operating budget. Charter proposes 3.5% in years 1-2; 4.0% in years 3-5; and 4.5% in years 6-10. The Committee felt that these amounts were low. The Committee countered with a request for 3.75% in years 1-2; 4.25% in years 2-5; and 4.5% in years 6-10. Tom will review with his management.
4. Tom Cohan presented Charter's offer in response to the Committee's request for a \$300,000 Capital budget. Charter is offering \$200,000 to be disbursed as \$100,000 in year 1; and another \$100,000 in year 6.
5. The i-net buyout was discussed. The Committee has requested that Charter provide a grant for \$25,000 to fund the purchase of an MVE5000 encoder and MVD5000 decoder. In addition a request for Charter to run a fiber cable between Town Hall and the Little Red Schoolhouse was made.
6. Finally the Committee asked for a "side letter", similar to the one issued to Chicopee in 2015. The letter addresses the potential to provide one PEG Access Channel in HD, in the future.
7. The Committee, Anthony Aube, Nick Breault, Tom Cohen and Bill August agreed to meet again on November 18, 2016 at 9:00. At this time, Tom Cohen will provide a response to the noted requests.
8. T Magill moved to adjourn; G Reich seconded; Adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

George Reich