

Wareham Cable Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes

Thursday, August 25, 2022

Hybrid In-person Town Hall Rm 24 and Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

Meeting called to order at 6:15pm

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. Matt Underhill present
- b. Dan Butler present
- c. Dave Rogers present

All members were present. A quorum was established.

II. Public Participation

- a. Representatives of WCTV (Peter Gold and Linda Scharf) were present and attorney Bill Solomon was present remotely. There were no other members of the public present. There were no public comments offered.

III. Approval of Minutes. Deferred.

IV. Discussion with counsel

- a. Attorney Solomon discussed refinements to the draft Verizon license. Mr. Butler moved to accept recommended edits, seconded by Mr. Rogers. Vote:

- i. Chairman Underhill Aye
- ii. Mr. Butler Aye
- iii. Mr. Rogers Aye

Motion Passed 3-0-0

- b. Mr. Underhill indicated he would provide Mr. Solomon an update to the list of Town buildings to which free cable/fiber connections and service would run.
- c. Mr. Butler asked if a provision could be included in the draft Verizon license that would give the Town of Wareham right of first refusal if Verizon intended to withdraw from the Wareham market and sell their existing infrastructure in Wareham. Mr. Solomon stated a provision to that effect could be included. Following some discussion, Mr. Rogers moved that Mr. Solomon be asked to draft appropriate language that would give the Town of Wareham right of first refusal if Verizon intended to withdraw from the Wareham market and sell their existing infrastructure in Wareham, seconded by Mr. Butler. Vote:

- i. Chairman Underhill Aye
- ii. Mr. Butler Aye
- iii. Mr. Rogers Aye

Motion Passed 3-0-0

- d. Mr. Solomon agreed to draft a provision for CAC review at the September 8 meeting.

e. Mr. Solomon reviewed his most recent figures for Verizon and Comcast subscribers in Wareham (3,274 and 5,165, respectively). Mr. Solomon stated we should expect a Verizon response to our initial, draft proposal by the middle of September.

V. Survey and other updates. Preliminary findings/highlights of the ongoing online ascertainment survey were reviewed and discussed. No votes taken.

VI. Business unknown until the previous 48 hours. NTR.

VII. Adjournment. Mr. Butler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Rogers. Vote:

i. Chairman Underhill	Aye
ii. Mr. Butler	Aye
iii. Mr. Rogers	Aye
Motion Passed 3-0-0	Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Submitted: Daniel S. Butler

