

City of Biddeford
Cable T.V. Committee
January 14, 2019 4:30 PM
Public Access Facility
15 Columbus Way
Biddeford, Me 04005

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Welcome Guests**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - 3.1. Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2018
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- 4. New Business**
 - 4.1. Discussion: Charter/TWC Billing Practices - consistency, ability to read customer bills, content of bill and format, small print, equipment pricing (consistency)
 - 4.2. Discussion: Charter/TWC Franchise Fee Worksheet - availability
 - 4.3. Discussion: Charter/TWC Program Guide - locating channels, program guide missing channels
 - 4.4. Discussion: Charter/TWC Equipment Purchase and Maintenance - private equipment vs Charter/TWC equipment
 - 4.5. Discussion: Charter/TWC Franchise Agreement - renewal process, legal issues
 - 4.6. Discussion: Charter/TWC Complaint Audit - consider resident survey
- 5. Old Business**
- 6. Other Business**
- 7. Next Meeting Review** - *Regular meeting scheduled for Monday, February 11.*
- 8. Adjourn**

CITY OF BIDDEFORD

CABLE T.V. COMMITTEE

SCHEDULED MEETING – MAY 14, 2018

The meeting of the Cable T.V. Committee was called to order at 4:31 p.m. on May 14, 2018 in the Biddeford Public Access Building. Present were Committee Chairman Mike Swanton, and Members Toni Sipka, Bob Mills, Debi Davis, and Lou Belanger. Members Don Harper and Kyle Taylor were absent. Also present was the City's Chief Operating Officer Brian Phinney and Public Access Director Steve Pulos.

It was on Motion duly made by Chairman Mike Swanton, and seconded by Committee member Lou Belanger, unanimously

RESOLVED: To Accept the Minutes of February 12, 2018, as written.

New Business:

Financials: FY18 Status Update and FY19 Proposed Budget. Committee members agreed they had all read the documents associated with these items and had no questions.

Status of Committee Membership. Brian Phinney informed the Committee that Michael Tremblay submitted his resignation from the Cable T.V. Committee to the Mayor, stating he is too busy to continue serving.

Steve Pulos reported that Kyle Taylor intends to attend this meeting; he will just be a little late.

Old Business:

Update: TWC/Charter Concerns and Information Request. Brian Phinney included, in the Committees' packets, all of the pricing and reports that have been received in response to the Committee's ongoing list of questions for the Cable Company.

Legislative Issue Update: Non-discrimination Bill, "Channel Slamming" It was stated by Chairman Swanton that he heard the bill was tabled until the next session and Brian Phinney confirmed this and said this was not considered an emergency bill so the Legislation will take this issue up again when it convenes in October.

Brian Phinney reported that the Legislators are going to add language to the current franchise agreements to deal with some of the issues that Spectrum is doing statewide and as soon as he receives a copy of these changes he will put it on the agenda.

Brian added that Tony Vigue of the Community Television Association of Maine has put together a video explaining this issue and Brian informed the Committee he would send them the link.

Other Business:

Committee Member Toni Sipka reported that she has her letter ready and will be sending it out to the City Council members and City Hall departments asking them to come on her show and explain to the community what they do.

The Committee scheduled its next meeting for Monday, June 11th at 4:30 pm at the Public Access Building

There being no further business, it was on Motion duly made by Lou Belanger, and seconded by Mike Swanton, unanimously

RESOLVED: To Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:42

Respectfully submitted by P. Conway A 21/21