

Douglas Cable License Sub-Committee

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday June 14, 2023

11:00am

1. Call to Order
2. Possible vote to recommend that the Board of Selectmen approve the Request for Response to Proposal to Charter document.
3. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting
4. Adjournment

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Zoom Remote Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 14, 2023

Meeting began at 11:02am

Attendance:

Kevin Morse, Fred Fontaine

Staff:

Pat Aldrich, Attorney William Solomon (Special Counsel)

1. **License Negotiation Update:** Atty Solomon gave an update on the negotiation process, including the legal timeline remaining and possible next steps. As John Maher of Charter has not responded to any communications, there has been little “negotiation” other than the 12/9/22 Meeting where he suggested moving to a “percent of gross revenue”. He was asked to provide the gross revenue so we could consider and has not as of yet provided nor responded to requests to do so.
2. **Options:** Atty Solomon addressed the lack of response from Charter and gave a couple of pathways forward. Informal methods have failed, so he suggested a formal method. Kevin suggested we send a letter to Charter outlining our grievances with their process and implement our maximum budget request as pursuant to the current license. We would also need a statement of gross revenue to assess the accuracy. Bill said he would draft a letter by Tuesday April 25, 2023 at the latest.
3. **Legal Timeline:** The current license is through November of 2023. Bill would like to have a Cable Hearing, some letters of support, and possibly a resident petition in support of the Cable program. He said that we should have a “Request for Response to Proposal” out to Charter by June at the latest.
4. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 27, 2023 by Zoom.
5. **Adjourn:** 11:45am.