

Douglas Cable Advisory Committee

Douglas Municipal Center

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 16, 2013

Mitch Cohen called the meeting unofficially to order at 7:17pm (Lack of quorum)

Chris Menn arrived and Mitch called the meeting officially to order at 7:30pm

Attendance:

Committee: Mitch Cohen, Tom Devlin, Chris Menn

Staff: Pat Aldrich, Sarah Guimond

Guests: Bill Solomon, Tom Cohan

1. **Charter License Negotiation:** Mitch gave an update on the process. Two items to conclude: Access Cablecasting, Service Area. Some discussion about the two items, including a new packet with language from Tom Cohan that does not meet the needs of the Town, to be discussed. Tom Cohan arrived at the table. Tom wants to add density requirements for future build-out with a line extension formula, but that language was never in the license previously, so it is a point of contention with the Committee. Tom's proposal offers a situation wherein a disputed future build-out would be decided by a "mutual agreement" between Charter and the Town. The Committee would like to see something that won't open the door to a possible stalemate. Bill mentioned a possible middle ground, sacrificing "liquidated damages" and sticking with the language that says the Cable Committee will make a "good faith" determination on questionable build-outs. Bill also recommended a specific blurb, acknowledging the "good faith" obligations in the signature page for the Cable Advisory Committee members to sign. Tom said that he would like to exchange language with Bill in the coming weeks. Brief discussion about senior citizens discount language, and Access Cablecasting. Tom Devlin made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen approve the license substantively as discussed, Chris Menn 2nd, unanimous favor.
2. **Next Meeting:** Monday May 13, 2013 @ 7pm.
3. **Adjourn:** Tom moved to adjourn at 8:46pm, Chris 2nd, unanimous favor.