

**Cable Television Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2023 6:00pm
Lincoln Room, Worcester City Hall
Approved March 1, 2023**

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1. Call meeting to order

6:00pm

2. Roll Call

Present: John Keough, Sergio Bacelis, Steven Quist, Jeff Levering. Judith Warren,
Director of Cable Services

3. Approve minutes from January 11 and January 18, 2023 meetings

No action

4. Meeting and Study Session on cable renewal (Sue Buske)

Buske: Presented background information on franchise renewal process. Discussed upcoming renewal focus group meetings.

Keough: Asked if other communities have been able to receive revenues from additional services than cable provided by cable providers.

Buske: Explained that under current laws, this is not allowed. Outlined different attempts made by other communities to get revenue from alternate sources.

Levering: Asked if there are state requirements regarding timing of bills sent by Charter-Spectrum, which has been a recurring issue for subscribers in the Worcester area.

Buske: Explained that is something that can be looked at during the ascertainment process.

Keough: Observed that compared to comparable cities, we have fewer PEG channels. Suggested we should use this in future negotiations to

ask for additional PEG resources.

Buske: Advised strategic approach to identifying and advocating for specific needs moving forward, to strengthen negotiating power.

Levering: Suggested division of responsibility for publicizing focus group meetings among PEG channels in Worcester.

5. Adjournment

Moved: Levering; Seconded: Keough; Roll Call (Yes 4, No 0)

Adjourned 7:10pm