

Cable Television Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
12/02/2020

1. Call meeting to order
2. Roll Call – Steve Quist, Jeff Levering, Marie Dicardy, Sergio Bacelis, Judy Warren; Mauro Depasquale (Public Access) Joe Brindisi (Education Access)
3. Approval of minutes from 10/28/2020
4. Selection of Chair/Vice Chair – discussion; Steve Quist/Jeff Levering simultaneously nominate Steve Quist as Chair; unanimous. Levering offers to be VC, nominated; unanimous.
5. Ascertainment process/timeline and suggestions and ideas
 - a. Levering presents a brief summary of past Ascertainment Report; Contract and shared a document for review next time as a group.
 - b. Quist motions hiring a Technical Consultant and someone experienced with negotiating cable contracts for municipalities; request RFPs. Levering asks for clarification. After further discussion, Levering requests postponing, explains to allow committee to get a solid review and then see where at. Quist withdraws motion.
 - c. Survey discussion. Review Charter surveys and create own. Quist motions to ask Charter for the surveys lasts 5 years. Seconded by Bacelis. Approved. Brindisi asks if Charter will send out a survey in billing. Discussion. Quist motion to ask Charter to send out in their billing. Further Discussion. Motion approved.
 - i. Quist motions to Request the law department do a review on totality of the cable contract to determine if it does/does not include internet, phone and Wi-Fi? If not then create a RFP to be sent out to other providers (internet, phone and satellite) to bid on providing City of Worcester residents an option beyond the current cable operator.
 - i. Discussion on item including Rights-of-ways; include gather majority of questions for Law department.

6. Discuss City of Worcester taking over the entire cable operations. Includes discussion of other Municipalities; having city-wide internet, net neutrality, etc.
7. Quist motion to adjourn; set next meeting; Brindisi asks if a decision has been made on length of contract, add to topics. Discuss schedules.
January 6, 2021 @ 6:00pm.