

**MINUTES**  
**Towns of Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox, Sheffield, and Stockbridge**  
**Five Town Cable Advisory Committee**  
**Subcommittee for negotiations of Renewal Cable TV License with Charter Communications**  
**Lenox Town Hall Auditorium**  
**Friday April 21, 2023 at 10:00am**

**Subcommittee members present:** Linda Miller, Chair  
Dennis Arseneau  
Rene Wood

The meeting was called to order by Chair L. Miller at 10:00am.

Minutes of 3/27/23 were reviewed. **A motion made by R. Wood to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by D. Arseneau, was approved unanimously.**

The revised PEG capital plan for years 1-5 was reviewed. D. Arseneau emailed Spectrum lead negotiators both the revised capital plan and the equipment specifications/documentation. This will allow Spectrum to review the revised list by the 4/26 negotiating session.

The group discussed approaches for PEG capital needs for years 6-10. R. Fredericks has been asked to estimate such requirements based on in-place equipment which will need replacement within that timeframe. Another option discussed was an addition to the PEG capital section, stating that the contract will be reopened at the end of year 5 to address such needs for years 6-10. R. Wood volunteered to draft such a sentence. The group felt they were close to finalizing PEG capital requirements for years 1 -5 with Spectrum. Scott will need to provide feedback from his site visit, if any, once he is available to do so.

The group reviewed draft articles 4 and 6 using R. Wood's markup as a reference point. The federal and state definition of "competition" were reviewed, with the group citing the inaccuracy of that definition when applied to the five towns making up the % Town Cable Advisory Committee.

The subcommittee discussed the upcoming renegotiation of the Access Agreement with CTSB; D. Arseneau shared his thoughts, as did R. Wood. Specific items were reviewed, as well as the agenda for the upcoming meeting on 3/30 at 11am with CTSB team, including R. Fredericks and several CTSB board members.

Article 5 was reviewed in preparation for the negotiating meeting on 3/29/23 at 3pm.

The next subcommittee meeting was not set.

The meeting ended at 11:07am on **a motion by R. Wood, seconded by D. Arseneau, and unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rene C. Wood

Sheffield delegate to Five Town Cable Advisory Committee

Documents used at the meeting:

- Agenda for 4/12/23
- Minutes of 3/27/23
- Updated CTSB PEG Capital request
- Proposed Cable TV renewal license: Articles 4 and 6
- Spectrum's privacy policy