

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
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 3pm

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair L. Miller at 3:04pm.

Minutes of 2/28/ and 2/1/23 were reviewed. **A motion made by R. Wood to accept both sets of minutes as presented, seconded by D. Arseneau, was approved unanimously.**

The subcommittee reviewed the Informal PEG Capital Support Proposal, from the 3/1/23 negotiating session. Items 3, 6, 10, 11, and 14 (sic) will be rewritten in more detail, to state primary purposes, and tie to PEG purposes. New items to be added to include HD signal upstream and downstream @ \$30,000, a capital needed for closed captioning (felt none was needed), and any capital needed for getting CTSB programming to guide. Items 7,8,9,10,12 will be dropped if not more specifically written to PEG channel capacity/programming. #’s 2 & 5 being handled by CTSB. Need to work on getting verbiage into license renewal agreement that addresses capital needs in years 6-10, as the PEG Capital Support Proposal only address first 5 years.

Review of 3/14/23 Five Town Cable Committee meeting was next discussed, with keynote presentation of negotiations to date by D. Arseneau.

Articles 2 & 3 with D. Reing’s markup and R. Wood review and comments were reviewed and will be sent to both members for review and feedback prior to 3/15/23 negotiating session.

Hardcopy of PEG Access agreement between CTSB and 5 Towns handed out. L. Miller and R. Wood will look for electronic versions. No need for this agreement to wait for completion of Charter renewal license.

The negotiations approach for 3/15/23 was discussed and R. Wood will sent out an agenda for review.

The meeting ended at 3:03pm on **a motion by D. Arseneau, seconded by R. Wood, and unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,
Rene C. Wood
Sheffield delegate to Five Town Cable Advisory Committee

Documents used at the meeting:

Agenda for 3-8-23

Minutes of 2/28/ and 23/1/23

Informal PEG Capital Support Proposal from Charter Communications, from 3-1-23 negotiations