FIVE TOWN CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Representing the Towns of Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox, Sheffield and Stockbridge

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Five Town Cable Advisory Committee will hold its
Regular Quarterly Meeting
December 11th, 2018, 6:30pm
Lee Town Hall, 32 Main Street, Lee, MA

AGENDA

6:30 PM - Call to Order

Reading and approval of minutes of meeting September 11th, 2018

CTSB Report

Update on upgrade of Spectrum/CTSB origination site fiber upgrades

Fall Festival of Shakespeare

CTSB identification in guide and channel info showing PEG, not CTSB

Response to September question on why the change to channels 1301-3 nationally

PSA schedule - Where and when as discussed in September

For discussion - Members, volunteers and donations needed

Spectrum Report

Rate increase

CTSB not available in starter/basic tier per FCC rule yet channels 16,17 & 18 still empty

CTSB still not listed in the Guide nor in the Spectrum channel line-up

On-going lack of local coverage on Spectrum's own news channels

- No news from Massachusetts State Government covered on Spectrum's own channels
- Little to no news from Berkshires covered on Spectrum's own channels line-up
- Single channel line-up for all of Berkshire County

Little to no live coverage of 2018 state and local debates and elections

Charter/Spectrum earnings report

Spectrum's communications need to improve

Billing increased from \$.19 to \$.33 without our consent

System maintenance cut

Subscriber complaints -

- Software updates to DVR boxes and whole system
- Price gouging double billing
- Problems getting through on phone
- Inconsistent information from Customer Service Representatives

Response to questions/issues raised at June meeting

Subscriber questionnaire 2019

FCC proposed changes relating to Franchise Fees

Old Business

New York State actions against Charter/Spectrum

New business

CAC expansion

Other Business

Set next meeting date and time, March 12, 2019, 6:30 PM, in Great Barrington Adjourn