

May 11, 2016, 6:05 pm, Rhodes Building,

Select Board members present:

Bill Martell, acting chair

Jim Doubleday, clerk

Select Board members absent:

none

Others present:

Rich Hall Cable Committee chair,

Rusty Rowell, cable committee

Eileen Leahy, district rep for Comcast

several concerned citizens

Open

Bill Martell opened the meeting for the select board at time 6:05pm.

Rich Hall opened the meeting for the cable committee at time 6:05pm.

Minutes

No minutes were presented

Ms. Leahy said that the Comcast/ MBI negotiations were still ongoing, so she had nothing new to present. The citizens expressed their frustration at attending another meeting with no change in status.

Ms. Leahy said she hoped to have the results of the negotiations by mid to late summer, and wanted to move forward with the contract renewal so that everything would be in place when the Comcast/MBI negotiations were complete.

Rich Hall stated that the contract was essentially the same as the previous contract and noted that this one did not include the much sought cable extension.

Rusty Rowell stated emphatically that Comcast now makes three times as much per hookup as it did at the time of the original installation, that he can't see why this wouldn't be worth Comcast's while to just go ahead with it now and that we need that extension whether MBI pays for it or not.

Ms. Leahy made note of each concern as it was brought up.

It was stated that there are currently 25 houses and 3 potential building sites in need of cable service in Pelham.

Bill Martell said that if Comcast would guarantee that it would complete the extension in two years, he'd sign a ten year contract right now, which Ms. Leahy noted.

Jim Doubleday asked if anyone had anymore to add to the terms of the contract renewal proposal.

Rich Hall summarized that the only variable is completion of the buildout.

The next meeting will be scheduled when Ms. Leahy has news from the negotiations, with the end of August or early September being the eleventh hour.

Jim Doubleday moved to adjourn seconded by Bill Martell. Passed unanimously @ 6:40 time

Adjournment : 6:40 pm

Documents examined by Select Board
Latest Comcast Contract