

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2020 MINUTES  
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After notice duly given, the Longmeadow Cable Advisory Committee met in open session in room A12 at Longmeadow High School on February 10, 2020. Those present were: Steven Wolman, Norman Michaels, Donald Holland, Fred Rosenberg. Mark Gold from the Select Board, Eileen Leahy from Comcast, Tracey Durant Executive Director of LCTV, and Paul Gorman soon to be sworn in as the fifth member of the Committee.

#### Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Steven Wolman who presided throughout, at 7:01 PM. The Chair thanked the Vice-Chair for conducting the November 18, 2019 meeting.

#### Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Fred Rosenberg to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2019 meeting which had been sent to each member by the Vice-Chair via email. The motion was seconded by Norman Michaels. Those in favor were Norman Michaels, Fred Rosenberg, and Donald Holland. There were no votes against.

#### Old Business

The Chair stated that negotiations were still on going.

#### New Business

Franchise Fee calculations. The Chair stated that he had sent an email to Eileen Leahy relating to the concerns of a subscriber regarding an increase in the Franchise Fee. The email asked how the Franchise Fee is calculated. The Chair had also sent to Eileen Leahy his account number so that an explanation could be obtained from the finance department as to how the calculation was done. Eileen Leahy stated that the Franchise Fee is not a fixed dollar amount but varies with the program package purchased. However, she was not able to explain to the Chair exactly how his Franchise Fee was calculated. After prolonged discussion, the Chair asked that someone from the finance department come to the next meeting to explain this. Eileen Leahy said that would probably not happen. Mark Gold stated that he would send Eileen his account number and attempt to obtain from the original subscriber the account number so that the finance department could explain in a line by line manner similar to the way the electric bill is constructed how the Franchise Fee was calculated for the January, 2019 bill and compare that calculation with the January, 2020 bill.

A question was raised as to whether parts of Springfield which have a Longmeadow zip code are billed as Longmeadow residents or Springfield residents and whether they are receiving service from Longmeadow or Springfield. Eileen Leahy said that she would check on this.

#### Questions From Visitors

There were no visitors.

#### Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on May 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM in a room to be determined at Longmeadow High School.

#### Adjournment

A motion was made by Donald Holland and seconded by Steven Wolman to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven Wolman, Chair