

TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH

NOTICE OF CABLE TELEVISION PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING MINUTES

Please take notice that the Cable Television License Renewal Advisory Committee, through the Select Board, of the Town of Boxborough, Massachusetts, as Issuing Authority for a cable television license under M.G.L. c.166A, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 7 p.m. The public hearing will be held virtually on the Zoom platform <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82243270074?pwd=ZnBEb050akF5NFZTSk5kVnNzamhsUT09>.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to determine whether to issue a cable television license to **Verizon New England, Inc. and Comcast of Massachusetts III, Inc.** All applications, reports, statements and license drafts to be considered at the hearing that constitute public records under state law are available for public inspection during regular business hours and for reproduction at a reasonable fee. Members of the public are invited to attend and be heard on the topic: (a) whether the current cable operator is in full compliance with its currently-existing cable license; and (b) what are the Town's future community cable-related needs.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Jay Bhatia, Committee Member
Wes Fowlks, Committee Member
Ling Chen, Committee Member
Rajon Hudson, Assistant Town Administrator (Ex-Officio)

Guests

William Hewig, Counsel, KP Law

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED:

1. Call to Order

The hearing was called to order by at 7:04 PM

2. Public Hearing

The public hearing started off with an overview on the cable franchise process and an overview of what the cable franchise license is and the impact to the Town.

a. Cable Operator Compliance

The committee discussed the compliance for timely payments submitted by Verizon and Comcast. Complaints for Verizon were also reviewed through the Series 500 report provided by the cable provider. Broadcast capabilities were also discussed for the cable providers on their current operations in Town.

b. Future Community Needs

The 10-Year Capital Objectives provided by BXB-TV were agreed upon to utilize as the roadmap for future community needs. Additional options were discussed for potential revenue sources, which would be discussed at a later Cable Television License Renewal Advisory Committee meeting.

Wes Fowlks moved to proceed with negotiations for Verizon and Comcast for access to public ways and providing access residents in the Town.

Jay Bhatia seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote

Jay Bhatia – Yes, Wes Fowlks – Yes, Ling Chen - Yes

3. Adjourn

Wes Fowlks moved to adjourn

Jay Bhatia seconded

Roll Call vote

Jay Bhatia – Yes, Wes Fowlks – Yes, Ling Chen - Yes

Meeting adjourned at **8:15 PM**