

Cable Renewal Committee

Minutes of Meeting May 23, 2019 6PM Selectmen's' Meeting room

Present:

Jim Waddell, chair Dylan Drake

Brian McCain John Judson Frank DeLuca Ann Carnaby

Minutes of previous meeting accepted as recorded

Final Report of this committee is the "Report of Customer Survey" with the items in the final section titled "Respondents would like to see:" reordered as follows:

1. Senior discounts
2. Cost reductions
3. A La Carte options
4. Seasonal connection, if it was not more expensive than yearly subscription
5. Franchise fee for internet users. Respondents felt that those using computers and not cable tv were getting a free ride.

Motion to accept the report with the changed order of priorities as the final report of the subcommittee by Frank DeLuca, seconded by John Judson - unanimous.

The proposed school budget as circulated was discussed

Lowering of the franchise fee was discarded as not allowing enough backup funds should there be an equipment failure or other emergency.

Motion to keep the franchise fee at 4% until the contract is renewed in 2021 when it could be lowered to 3.5%, but only if there are sufficient funds for a cushion - moved by John Judson, seconded by Brian McCain - vote unanimous

No further meetings this subcommittee are scheduled.

Adjourn - moved Frank DeLuca, second John Judson - unanimous at 6:18PM

Respectfully submitted.

Ann Carnaby