# **Uxbridge Cable Advisory Committee October 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

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**Uxbridge Cable Advisory Committee Members present**: Mark Stacy (Chair), James Hogan (Vice Chair), Thomas McNulty (Clerk), Benjamin Casper (Member), (collectively 'CAC')

Present: Director of Uxbridge Community Television (UCTV) Barry Giles Mr. Hogan was unable to attend.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

It being approximately 6:30pm, the meeting being properly posted, duly called, and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chair. He made the following statement to explain the purpose for the remote meeting:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Uxbridge Cable Advisory Committee is being conducted via remote participation.

## Charter/Spectrum Contract Review

The current Spectrum/Charter Contract will renew in 2021. The current contract is available at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/doc/uxbridge-charter-411">https://www.mass.gov/doc/uxbridge-charter-411</a>.

The Cable Advisory Committee will hold three public meetings (remote only) for citizens of the town to speak. The contract is for CABLE TV services only, Internet and Telephone services are not part of the agreement.

The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications has requested an update of our actions to renew.

The CAC will host public hearings on October 29, 2020 (TONIGHT)

December 3, 2020 and January 28, 2021 as required.

Mr. Giles will contact Town Buildings to determine if they have CABLE TV Service as stated by the current contract. In addition, Mr. Giles will verify the status of FIBER OPTIC connections available at Town Hall, the Fire Headquarters, Police Headquarters, The Public Library, and the Senior Center. This connection can be used to live broadcast from those buildings.

## Public Input Regarding Cable Contract

No members of the public attended or sent comments/questions regarding the renewal.

#### **Minutes**

Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2020 were approved as written. Motion to accept made by Mr. Casper, second by Mr. Stacy. The vote was Mr. Stacy yes, Mr. Casper Yes, Mr. McNulty yes. The motion passed 3-0, yes.

#### Old Business

Mr. Giles and the Town Manager plan to move ahead of with the Town of Blackstone's request to manage the Blackstone Town Community Cable TV function.

Meeting Minutes approved after October 15, 2020 minutes will be signed by one member of the CAC, i.e. Mr. McNulty.

A motion was made by Mr. Casper, seconded by Mr. Stacy. The vote was Mr. Stacy – yes, Mr. Casper – yes, Mr. McNulty – yes. The motion passed 3-0 yes.

Used equipment auction proceeding as planned, \$4500 collected as of today.

#### **New Business**

The Annual Report of UCTV is being authored by Mr. Giles for submission in December 2020.

# <u>Adjournment</u>

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM on the motion by Mr. McNulty, seconded by Mr. Stacy. The vote was Mr. Stacy yes, Mr. Casper Yes, Mr. McNulty yes. The motion passed 3 – 0, yes.

Respectfully prepared by Tom McNulty. Approved on 12/3/2620

Thomas McNulty, Clerk