

**Carver Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Town Hall  
January 18, 2022 - 6:00pm**

In Attendance: Chair Mark Townsend, Robert Belbin, Jen Bogart, Interim Town Administrator Robert Fennessy & Shelby Roy.

Absent: Sarah Hewins & Jim Hoffman

The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance and Bogart read the community prayer.

**Citizens Participation:** None

**Discussion and possible vote: Comcast contract renewal: Attorney William Hewig**

Ronald Clarke, Rich Goulart and Attorney William Hewig came up to represent the presentation of the Comcast Contract.

Attorney Hewig reviewed the summary of the proposed Television Renewal License.

Belbin explained that he did not see anything for a Senior Discount or options for low income residents.

Belbin questioned the equipment upgrade amount of \$30,000 and Hewig explained that this was a standard amount and this is something that Area 58 would be paying for and not the Town.

Belbin explained that the \$200,000 amount for 10 years seems high.

Hewig explained that these contracts are written by following the laws for cable licenses and he explained that there is a Senior Discount available. He mentioned that this discount could already be included and will confirm this. It is also easy to add this to the contract if it is not.

Belbin explained that he tried to reach out to the Comcast Representative to see if they could attend the meeting to answer these questions, but they had another obligation.

Clarke explained that the Cable Advisory Committee was a good representation for the Town when going into the negotiations for this contract.

Belbin mentioned that the Performance Bond of \$25,000 seemed low for the amount of infrastructure in Town.

Hewig confirmed that this amount for the Performance Bond is standard for a Town this size.

Bogart questioned the \$200,000 grant amount, if this was automatic or if it's hypothetical.

Hewig confirmed that this is automatic and that the subscribers would see this on their bill.

Bogart explained that she would like to see this contract without the grant included.

Goulart explained that this grant amount benefits the Area 58 station equipment. This will help upgrade their needs to provide the quality of work and video the Town requests.

Clarke explained that this is the 4<sup>th</sup> contract renewal he has been involved with and all of these types of questions have been asked at every renewal process.

Bogart wanted confirmation that the grant amount will be going to Area 58 and not the Town's general fund.

Hewig and Goulart jointly confirmed that this money will be going to Area 58.

Motion by Belbin to table this item until there is a full Board present and to have Comcast be present to answer any questions from the Board, second by Bogart.

Discussion:

Bogart mentioned that she would like to see the Senior Discount be added, if it is not already included.

Hewig explained that he will look into the status of this and will add this discount if it is not.

Vote 3-0

**Discussion and possible vote for recommendation of draft Annual Town Meeting articles:**

Motion to table this item to a future meeting when a full Board is present by Bogart, second by Belbin.

Vote 3-0

**Discussion and possible vote Town Administrator Bylaw:**

Motion to table this item to a future meeting when a full Board is present by Bogart, second by Belbin.

Vote 3-0

**Town Administrator Update:**

**Montello Street** – The traffic signals will be placed at the newly created entrance of Montello Street and Route 58. Also, the Silo Market Place entrance will stay open and the road will be blocked approximately 50 ft. past the delivery entrance to the hardware store.

Townsend requested that Fennessy investigate the water situation and give an update on this at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** 2/1/2022

**Approval of Minutes of 1/11/22:** Motion to approve the minutes as written by Belbin, second by Bogart.

Vote 3-0

**Select Board Notes:** None

**Select Board Community Announcements:**

**Belbin** – He would like everyone to stay warm and to also be careful with all the ice that is around.

**Townsend** – Congratulated Ron Simisky from GATRA who is retiring after 12 years. Also, the Government is sending out free COVID tests.

Motion to adjourn at 6:59pm by Belbin, second by Bogart.

Vote 3-0