



**Cable Television Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2023 @ 6:00pm
City Hall, Levi Lincoln Room, 455 Main St, Worcester
Approved April 5, 2023**

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1. Call meeting to order
6:00pm
2. Roll Call
Present: John Keough, Philip Lwasa, Steven Quist, Jeff Levering, Judith Warren, Cable Services Director
3. Approval of Minutes from 1/11/2023, 1/18/2023 & 1/31/2023
Moved: Levering; Seconded: Quist; Roll Call (4 Yes, 0 No)
4. Ascertainment Consultant Update, review plan (Buske)
Updated committee on community information meetings, and tours of PEG facilities. PEG facilities inventory is being reviewed, and information is being distributed for upcoming focus group meetings.
5. Legislative Update (Levering)
Public comment: Mauro DePasquale. Asked about comparison between other states that have attempted to pass bills regarding additional funding sources, and Massachusetts.
Buske: These bills have not been successful in other states due to conflict with federal laws.
Motion by Levering: To have chairman Levering write, on behalf of CTAC, to Worcester's representatives, urging co-sponsorship of the respective streaming bills in House and Senate. Such support will be useful in ensuring this bill is considered in committee and brought to the floor in its respective bodies to be voted into law. Support of Worcester's public access channels is at risk due to ongoing reductions in franchise fee revenue caused by declining subscription rates to cable television. This law is designed to capture and re-purpose revenue that streaming services are gaining through the use of public right of way granted to them by state municipalities under federal law. Seconded: Quist. Amendment: Chairman Levering will represent CTAC in public meetings before the legislature, reaching out to state reps/senators. Roll Call (4 Yes, 0 No)
6. Spectrum Meeting Planning (Quist)
Discussed strategies for upcoming meeting with Spectrum
7. Adjournment
6:17pm Moved: Levering; Seconded: Quist; Roll call (4 Yes, 0 No)