## MILLBURY CABLE TELEVISION COMMISSION MINUTES

Millbury Jr./Sr. High School – 12 Martin Street – Public Access Studio Thursday March 15, 2018 – 7:15 p.m.

Present: Paul DiCicco; Joseph Coggans; Roger Desrosiers; Robert Sullivan; Public Access

**Director Kevin Krassopoulos** 

Jeff Dore entered during the Executive Session.

Absent: Richard Carew; Mary Krumsiek; Associate Member Michael Lawton

#### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Motion made by Joseph Coggans, seconded by Robert Sullivan to approve the meeting minutes of January 18, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

**GUEST PRESENTATION** - Conference call with Mr. Paul Trane from Verizon. Mr. Coggans noted for the record that every time this Committee has invited Verizon, no representative has attended the meeting.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman DiCicco declared that they will be going into Executive Session for the conference call with Mr. Paul Trane, and will return to open session, seconded by Mr. Coggans. Roll call vote:

Joseph Coggans

yes

R D Sullivan

yes

**Roger Desrosiers** 

yes

The Commission returned to Open Session.

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS** – There are still areas in town, and it is known that this includes Salo Terrace, that are not wired for Verizon.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** made by Joseph Coggans, seconded by Robert Sullivan to adjourn the meeting. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Sampson

Paql DiCicco, Chairman

oseph Coggans, Vice Chairman

Jeffrey Dore

Richard Carew, Clerk

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Mary Krumsiek

Roger Desrosiers

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Chairman DiCicco declared that they will be going into Executive Session for the conference call with Mr. Paul Trane, seconded by Mr. Coggans. Roll call vote:

Joseph Coggans yes R D Sullivan yes Roger Desrosiers yes

Mr. Trane stated that if a town wants to modify or terminate the agreement in order to enter into another agreement with a Video Service Provider (VSP), not Charter or Verizon, that Verizon has added language to all of the renewals stating that they would negotiate; if the town got a much better deal they would come back in and have a series of steps that the town and Verizon would take to try and level the playing field.

This is for an emergency situation; there are not a lot of changes in the renewal.

Chairman DiCicco asked about a senior citizen discount. Mr. Trane stated Verizon has never provided a senior citizen discount in any community in the country. Verizon feels that as the second entrant they created the competitive market and created a discount for everybody. If it wasn't for Verizon's entrance into the cable business there would still be a monopoly on cable services in Massachusetts. The Chairman wants to negotiate on this in the future. Mr. Trane cautioned that Verizon has never done it, in that it is seen as a form of rate regulation; it is prohibited where there is "effective competition" as there is in Millbury, and it is prohibited under federal law.

Chairman DiCicco wanted to go on the record as the first community to request a discount for senior citizens.

Further discussion ensued. Verizon is only entering into 5 year contracts.

Kevin mentioned that when Verizon came to town they were supposed to wire the entire town, and to date, this has not been completed. Kevin will get the details for the members.

Chairman DiCicco motioned to come of Executive Session, seconded by Joseph Coggans. Roll call vote:

Joseph Coggans yes R D Sullivan yes Roger Desrosiers yes Jeffrey Dore yes

The Commission returned to Open Session.