

## SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES – CABLE ASCERTAINMENT HEARING

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. Town Room, Town Hall

### **Attendance**

Select Board: Alisa Brewer, Andrew Steinberg, Constance Kruger, Douglas Slaughter and James Wald.

Cable Advisory Committee: Present: Joan Golowich, Adrienne Terrizzi, Kris Pacunas, Demetria Shabazz and Staff Liaison Sean Hannon. Absent: Don Courtemanche

Others: Special Town Counsel Attorney Peter Epstein, Epstein & August LLC; Stephen P. Fitzgibbons, Sn. Dir. of Gov't. & Regulatory Affairs, Comcast; Blogger Larry Kelley and Scott Merzbach, Daily Hampshire Gazette. Stenographer provided by Comcast.

The Cable Ascertainment Public Hearing was called to order by Ms. Brewer at 6:42 p.m., Legal notice of this Cable Advisory Public Hearing was published in the Daily Hampshire Gazette on September 15 and 17, 2015. Ms. Brewer referred to the recent death of Town Manager John Musante noting John had been very involved in the ascertainment process, which the Town must engage in every 10 years, as required by Federal Cable Act. It was also noted that the Cable Advisory Committee is advisory to the Town Manager, although the Select Board is the issuing authority. Comcast's license in Amherst expires Oct. 20, 2016. Following the two scheduled public hearings a Request for Proposals will be issued during the renewal period.

Ms. Brewer explained that there would be a second Cable Ascertainment public hearing for cable ascertainment held on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015 and that the public record would be kept open for additional testimony and written comments until noon on Oct. 5, 2015. There will be a video record of this Cable Ascertainment hearing available at the Amherst Media website, as well as a full written transcript provided by stenographic services provided by Comcast. All written comments provided during the Cable Advisory public hearing will be collected by the Select Board Clerk and forwarded to the stenographer.

These Minutes will not contain the verbal comments made during the public hearing but instead refer to the transcript of this meeting which will be posted on the Town website once it is received.

ADJOURN - The Select Board meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.,

Submitted by Connie Kruger, Acting Clerk

**List of Documents Presented at the Meeting – Available in the Online Packet for the Meeting Date**