## Shelburne Technology & Cable Advisory Committee Buckland Cable Advisory Committee Minutes of Joint Meeting, June 9, 2021

1. Call to order 7:05pm by Buckland Chair James Sullivan

Present for Shelburne: Michael Duffy, Craig Miller, Hawley Waldman Present for Buckland: James Sullivan, Donald Wheeler Eileen Leahy, representative for Comcast

- 2. Assign note-taker: Craig Miller
- 3. Review and approve minutes of March 25, 2021 meeting: Unanimously approved, with one spelling fix: "4. Discus updates", to be changed to "4. Discuss updates".
- 4. Discuss updates to Comcast draft franchise agreement with Comcast representative
- a. Red Lined draft submitted to Comcast by Mike Duffy, Chair, Shelburne Technology and Cable Advisory Committee and approved by the Buckland Cable Advisory Committee.
  - b. Ascertainment request submitted by Otis Wheeler, Falls Cable TV Station Manager

Capital Grant: Eileen Leahy was interested in what shows are used for PEG Access programming, and more details on equipment needs to justify the proposed increase in the capital grant from \$20k to \$75k. This would increase monthly subscriber fee from \$0.80 to \$1.80.

HD PEG Channel: EL: Can offer HD PEG channel, perhaps after 18-24 months after signing of agreement PEG no longer be broadcast in SD, so subscribers would need modern equipment to view it. A Comcast Engineer can be in touch with Otis (Station Manager) to review equipment needs to broadcast in HD. DW: Yes we would like HD. MD: Does subscriber go to old SD channel (17) and it will automatically switch to equivalent HD channel? EL: I will look into this and get back with the answer.

Review of "Free Drops" EL: (Section 5.4) Free drops have a fair market value, I will include language that Comcast has the option to charge for them, after 60 days notice.

Comcast edits to our draft agreement: MD will send EL another Red Line draft, who will send back Comcast edits.

- 7. Schedule next meeting: t.b.a.
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.