

**Shelburne Technology & Cable Advisory Committee**  
**Buckland Cable Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes of Joint Meeting, October 28, 2021**

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Call to order 6:30 pm by Shelburne Chair Michael Duffy

Attending for Shelburne: Michael Duffy, Craig Miller, Hawley Waldman  
Attending for Buckland: Donald Wheeler, Dana McNay  
Guest: Eileen Leahy, Comcast representative

Assign note-taker: Craig Miller

Review/approve minutes of June, 9 2021 meeting: Approved with 1 abstention (Dana McNay)

Discuss Comcast draft franchise agreement with Comcast representative

- Otis Wheeler met with engineers, Eileen says that they are making good progress.
- Other language changes for clarity not substance
- Eileen: PEG section is finalized. She hopes to have it before Thanksgiving
- SD vs HD upgrade to local channels:
  - 2 SD Channels now: Greenfield and Falls Cable.
  - How many people will HD upgrade affect?
  - Subscribe to HD vs Downgrade to SD with box.
  - What type of box?
  - Will there be a charge for the box upgrade?
- ARPA funding for underserved areas:
  - Can it be used for HD upgrades? Eileen has not heard of that.
  - Mike to contact Selectboard re. use of ARPA funds to serve long drops.
- Don to check on Colrain Broadband Status
- Eileen to provide costs in 2 weeks.

Discuss Ascertainment Public Hearing

- Online or in person?
- When – after Feb?
- Selectboard can sign immediately after hearing
- Postpone schedule until after we get agreement marked up by Comcast.

Schedule next meeting: December 8<sup>th</sup> (Dependent on receipt of draft agreement from Comcast)

- Don to set up and chair Zoom meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.