

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PORTSMOUTH CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, November 30, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall, 1 Junkins Ave. Portsmouth, NH

Attendees: Rob Capone (Capone), Amrishi Chicooree (Chicooree) (arrived 4:10 by zoom), and Jason Huett (Huett) and Luis Rodriguez with Deputy City Manager/Deputy City Attorney Suzanne Woodland (DCM).

Representatives of PPMTV were present on zoom.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.
- II. Tabled consideration of the meeting minutes from October.
- III. DCM reported that the City Council passed first reading of the ordinance changes to the mission. Second reading and public hearing scheduled for January 9, 2023.

Chair moved items V and VI on the agenda forward with consensus of committee members given that there were members of the public in attendance.

- IV. Huett and the DCM described the meeting they attended with Verizon representatives and City representatives to discuss cellular service in the City and the lack of adequate coverage/bandwidth in some areas of the City. Good attendance from Verizon representatives. Verizon representatives indicated they were aware of the issued, described some of the work they had undertaken in the last year to improve service and the work that they had plans to do in 2023 to improve service. These efforts included installation of additional equipment including small cells, a potential new tower, and adjustments to existing equipment. Residents/businesses with coverage issues can reach out to Verizon about extender services and other paths to help resolve issues.

There was then discussion regarding coverage by cellular provider AT&T. Motion by Huett to ask the City to help us secure a meeting with AT&T to discuss coverage issues (similar to the meeting with Verizon representatives). Seconded by Capone. All in favor.

- V. No other business was discussed. Chair Capone inquired if the two members of the public wanted to comment and the response was no. They were just listening.

Moved back to the original item IV on the agenda at 4:20 p.m., Huett moved to go into non-public session, seconded by Capone, for purposes of discussion of legal advice pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3II(1). All in favor.

Committee returned to public session at 4:57 p.m. on a motion by Huett, seconded by Capone and all in favor.

Motion by Capone, seconded by Huett to seal the minutes of the non-public session and adjourn at 5:00p.m. All in favor.

Prepared by Suzanne Woodland, Deputy City Manager/Deputy City Attorney

Approved on January 11, 2023