

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
CABLE AND BROADBAND INTERNET COMMISSION



MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024 at 4:00PM
Conference Room A, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH

Attendees: Rob Capone (Capone), Amrishi Chicooree (Chicooree), Luis Rodriguez (Rodriguez) with Deputy City Manager/Regulatory Counsel Suzanne M. Woodland (DCM) and Gary Lowe (Lowe).

Via Zoom: Jeffrey Abrams

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:05PM.
- II. Minutes: Motion by Chicooree to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2023 public and non-public minutes. Seconded by Rodriguez. All in favor.

Motion by Chicooree to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2023 public and non-public meeting minutes. Seconded by Capone. All in favor.
- III. Other Business: DCM stated that she invited PPMTV to attend this meeting and heard back from Chad Cordner, the Executive Director as he could not attend. He did provide an update that Comcast has installed the drop, with no charge, but they were having trouble with a server. Once that issue is resolved, they should be on air and are getting closer to the grand opening of their studio.

DCM stated that for the next 2 months, the Commission will principally be working on the Comcast renewal. During that time, perhaps Rodriguez or other Commissioner could begin thinking about how to obtain information on cellular phone service coverage from Portsmouth residents, businesses and visitors through a survey or via a QR code. DCM offered to connect Rodriguez with the City Communications staff and discussion ensued as to other methods to collect information and provide to the rest of the Commission.

- IV. Public Comment: Jeffrey Abrams addressed the Commission regarding the preceding Comcast survey and stated that the Commission should keep in mind people over 50 who might not be savvy in regard to QR codes and the such and suggested that using the Neighborhood app might be a good option. Also that Comcast tries to sell other services and equipment during service calls. Capone stated that the Commission can advocate for people who are having continued issues with Comcast. Capone asked Mr. Abrams if he would like the Commission to assist him with his Comcast issues. Mr. Abrams provided his contact information.

- V. Discussion of Comcast Franchise Renewal: At 4:25PM, Chicooree moved to go into non-public session for purposes of discussion of the Comcast Franchise Renewal with Legal Counsel pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II (I)) .
Seconded by Capone. All in favor.

Motion by Rodriquez to allow Gary Lowe to attend non-public session.
Seconded by Chicooree. All in favor.

Motion by Chiccooree to return to public session, seal the minutes of the non-public session, and to adjourn at 5:00PM. Seconded by Capone. All in favor.

Prepared by Barbara Zulkiewicz, Administrative Assistant - Legal

Approved on: January 22, 2024