

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Lakeville Cable Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2021 – 1:00 PM
REMOTE LOCATION

On August 25, 2021, the Lakeville Cable Advisory Committee held a meeting at 1:00 PM remotely from various locations. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by Chairman Marshall. Lakeville Cable Advisory Committee Members present were: Bob Marshall, Walter Healey, Jr., Tom Cirignano and Fred Beal. Also present is Jose Invencio. LakeCAM was recording the meeting for broadcast.

In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency, the August 25, 2021 public meeting of the **Lakeville Cable Advisory Committee** shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. **However, to view this meeting in progress, please go to [facebook.com/lakecam](https://www.facebook.com/lakecam) (you do not need a Facebook account to view the meeting). This meeting will be recorded and available to be viewed at a later date at <http://www.lakecam.tv/>**

Chairman Marshall begins with a roll call vote of the members and then read an introduction regarding the need for a remote meeting and how a remote meeting will be conducted.

MEETING MINUTES

There is a review of the March 23, 2021 meeting minutes. There are no changes noted.

Upon motion made by Member W. Healey, Jr. and seconded by Member T. Cirignano, the Lakeville Cable Advisory Committee voted to approve the March 23, 2021 minutes as presented. Polled call vote: Bob Marshall - Aye, Walter Healey, Jr. - Aye, Tom Cirignano – Aye and Fred Beal - Abstains

DISCUSSION OF RESOLVED AND UNRESOLVED ELEMENTS OF COMCAST RENEWAL

Chairman Marshall provided an update to the Committee in regard to the two items left to resolve in the contract. The first item dealt with a connection to the new LakeCAM Studio and the second item deal with the Customer Service Center that used to be located in Middleborough but has been moved to Raynham. It is noted that this Customer Service Center is not contiguous to Lakeville but Lakeville has agreed to the location and that is where Customer Service is located now. It is noted that Comcast is looking for new wording in the license that would make it put the Customer Service Center in a reasonable proximity to the Town but there is a question as to whom would make that decision.

Chairman Marshall confirmed that he did receive a telephone call from the Comcast Contract Representative and that he is in agreement that there is no plan to move the Customer Service Center from Raynham. He was assured that Comcast has no plans for moving the

Customer Service Center and it is noted that Comcast will be building a Service Center in Plymouth and one on Cape Cod.

Chairman Marshall asked Jose Invencio to speak about the connection to the new LakeCAM studio. J. Invencio explained that previously the process for connecting a carrier like Comcast or Verizon to a PEG operation in order to send our signal to them, for them to send it back to the Town to be broadcast, has been that they install the wiring, fiber or Coax Cable, in making the connection since we have moved to our new studio space. He explains that they have their own “head end” at the Library that is all connected to Comcast and Verizon currently. If at some point, LakeCAM leaves the Library, such as them moving to the “server room” in the Library, there is no need to make another connection and the “head end” equipment can be left there where it is already climate controlled and set up. He further explained that this is Plan A. J. Ivenco noted that Plan B would be to move the “head end” into the server room of the Library and that Plan C would be to make a connection to the new studio. There is reference to the cost for the new connection, which doesn’t have enough megabytes to send both Comcast and Verizon signals at the same time. He explains that they are attempting to get their own fiber line run but that they are encountering problems with the use of the poles as they belong to the MG&E and the internet connection through the library is “TMLP”. J. Ivenco explained that the Board of Directors of LakeCAM will need to decide how to proceed and they have not met yet. There is clarification that where LakeCAM is located currently is acceptable and the Library has agreed to allow LakeCAM’s equipment in their server room, so the existing set up can stay the way it is. It is confirmed there is no issue with the language in the contract from LakeCAM’s perspective.

Chairman Marshall makes a motion to enter into Executive Session not to return to Open Session to discuss trade secrets or confidential or proprietary information regarding activities by a governmental body as energy supplier, municipal aggregator or energy cooperative, if an open session will adversely affect conducting business relative to other entities making, selling or distribution energy. There is no second. Motion is withdrawn.

Chairman Marshall and the Committee agree that no Executive Session is needed at this time, as it looks like there is a tentative agreement between the Lakeville Cable Advisory Committee and Comcast.

The Committee discusses the next step to review each of the items in the contract and confirm that both the Town and Comcast are in agreement with each item, then the contract can be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen. It is asked if the Town’s negotiator can provide an outline of the items that have been finalized. Chairman Marshall will request an updated copy of the contract with the agreed upon changes in it for review.

Upon motion made by Member W. Healey, Jr. and seconded by Member T. Cirignano, the Lakeville Cable Advisory Committee voted to request an updated copy of the contract from Comcast. Polled call vote: Bob Marshall - Aye, Walter Healey, Jr. - Aye, Tom Cirignano – Aye and Fred Beal - Aye

Member Walter Healey, Jr. noted that there are still openings on the Lakeville Cable Advisory Committee if there are any residents that are interested in joining. Any letters of interested should be sent to the Board of Selectmen.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Member W. Healey, Jr. and seconded by Member T. Cirignano, the Lakeville Cable Advisory Committee voted to adjourn at 1:38 PM. Polled call vote: Bob Marshall - Aye, Walter Healey, Jr. - Aye, Tom Cirignano – Aye and Fred Beal – Aye.