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To: Michael Bettencourt, Chair  
Board of Selectmen

Cc: Ashley Steven  
Chair, Cable Advisory Committee

From: William H. Solomon  
Special Cable Counsel

Date: September 4, 2020

Subject: Friendly Preliminary Assessment of Denial of Cable Television License Renewal of Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC

I am forwarding herewith for the Select Board, as Cable Television License Issuing Authority, a Motion and Vote To Issue A Friendly Preliminary Assessment of Denial of the Cable Television License Renewal of Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC. to allow for additional time for the parties to reach a Cable License Renewal Agreement, as well as to preserve the rights of all parties.

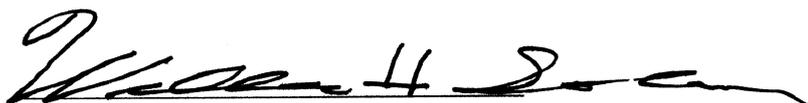
As you are aware, the Cable Committee, chaired by Ashley Stevens, has been engaged in the cable license renewal process with Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC. The parties are close to finalizing a new Renewal License Agreement, with only a few, but important, final issues to resolve. Any questions as to the status of those final negotiations are best addressed by Dr. Stevens who has been the point person (in the trenches so to speak) with Comcast's Manager of Government Affairs, Greg Franks. Dr. Stevens will also handle coordination with the Cable Advisory Committee. I will, of course, continue to be actively involved in this process with the Chair.

Given the current license expiration date of September 14, 2020, it is likely that a final Renewal License Agreement will not be completed in time for review by the Cable Advisory Committee for forwarding to the Select Board for a vote that evening, at least not with sufficient time for the Board's review of the License. As such, in order to provide the time needed to work through the final matters, I recommend that the Board issue a Friendly Preliminary Assessment of Denial of Cable Television License Renewal of Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC in order provide additional time to complete the license renewal process, as well as to preserve the rights of all parties.

The current Comcast renewal license will remain in effect until a new Renewal License Agreement is entered into by the parties and the Renewal License issued by the Board.

As set out in the proposed motion and vote, this office will file a request/motion with the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable to extend the time for the Town to file a "written statement detailing the reasons for its preliminary denial", pursuant to 207 CMR 3.06(3). This too will provide additional time for the parties to proceed ahead without the need to devote time and attention to matters other than the completion of the Renewal License Agreement.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

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William H. Solomon