

Cable TV Franchise Renewal Advisory Work Group

Background: The Town of Harpswell's Franchise Agreement with Comcast will end on September 23, 2020.

Mission Statement: The Cable TV Franchise Renewal Advisory work group will assist the Board of Selectmen in preparing for the renewal of the franchise agreement. As part of its preparatory work, the group may consider but not be limited to an evaluation of past performance of the cable company and identification of future cable-related needs and interests through the use of surveys, interviews and/or by other means including personal knowledge. The group shall be provided with a basic understanding of the municipality's authority in the franchise renewal process, including the current regulatory environment and its potential impact on franchise renewal negotiations. The group may report to the Board of Selectmen on a periodic basis; however, a final report is expected to be presented to the Board no later than June 30, 2020.

The following people have agreed to serve on the 5-member work group:

- Selectwoman Jane Covey; Board of Selectman representative
- Town Administrator Kristi Eiane; staff representative
- Harpswell Community Television Station Manager Donna Frisoli; HCTV representative
- Retired teacher Peg Newberg; Schools & non-profits representative
- Chair, Town's Energy & Technology Committee, Gary Vincent; public representative

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen October 24, 2019