

• Town of Millville, MA •  
CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 13, 2022  
MEETING MINUTES

Members Jack Moran and Sierra Gallagher present.

Also present is Cable Advisory Coordinator Tim Labonte, and Jennifer Gill attended via Zoom.

Member Cole Young was not present due to personal conflict.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Moran at 7:08 PM.

Meeting proceeded to run by Mr. Moran. Mr. Moran went through his presentation that covers various issues the town is currently experiencing with Charter. Millville has no leverage over Spectrum and there is no incentive for Spectrum to improve the inadequate service currently being provided. Currently, there is no true competitive option available for internet service in the town. Internet options for Millville residents are Spectrum where available (not available to a number of homes within the town), Verizon DSL internet service which is also outdated and unreliable (also not available to a number of homes in the town), or satellite internet which is also inadequate and cannot support VPN networks.

Potential competitors were also discussed. One potential competitor would be MiFi through the Verizon Wireless network, or Verizon FiOS. The committee is requesting that the Town of Millville only enter into a 3–5-year contract with Spectrum to allow additional research and to propose contracts to either Verizon Wireless or Verizon FiOS.

We also went over points that need to be discussed with Spectrum:

1. Cable Access needs a line to the town hall to service channels
2. What the cost would be per home to improve equipment and service to the same extent of Mr. Moran's home.
  - a. This would also require step by step instruction that would be shared with Millville residents who currently have Spectrum internet services.
3. Negotiate bringing Spectrum services to all residents at a reasonable cost.
4. Time and cost estimates for the "pie in the sky" for Spectrum services in Millville.

Next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

Meeting was called to adjourn at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sierra Gallagher