

Grafton Cable Advisory Committee

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Grafton Awards Cable Television License To Charter Communications

GRAFTON: The Grafton Board of Selectmen has signed a ten year cable television license with Charter Communications. Agreement on terms of the license renewal negotiated by the town's Cable Advisory Committee were finalized and the license was signed by the Board of Selectmen at the conclusion of a public meeting held on Tuesday, September 7th. Negotiation sessions between the town's Cable Advisory Committee and Charter Communications have been held since early 2009. Charter Communications along with Verizon Communications are the two companies licensed to provide cable television service to residents of Grafton.

Under terms of the ten year license, Charter agrees to continue to operate a cable access studio in town and provide a full time staff person. Charter will continue to provide the three channels of PEG Access - Public Access, Educational Access, and Government Access, provided by Grafton Community Television. Charter will pay to the cable access fund five percent of their gross revenue on a quarterly basis, and will also make a grant to support local PEG programming in the amount of \$106,000. Charter will provide a basic cable (TV) service outlet at no cost to designated public buildings including public schools, police and fire stations and public libraries.

The cable television license agreement is available at the Grafton Town Clerk's office. The license agreement is also available on the town's web site- <http://www.town.Grafton.ma.us>. - under the link for Boards and Commissions - Cable Advisory Committee.

The Board of Selectmen, as the Cable License Issuing Authority for Grafton established a Cable Advisory Committee (CAC) to advise it and act on its behalf to the extent permitted under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 166A for cable licensing and license renewal. The CAC negotiates initial cable license agreements and cable license renewals and conducts community outreach and information activities with guidance from the Cable TV Oversight Committee. Current members of the Cable Advisory Committee are Bob Hassinger, Chairman, Peter Carlson and Mark Weinberg, Clerk. The Cable Advisory Committee meets at the Grafton Memorial Municipal Center at 30 Providence Road. Additional information on the Grafton Cable Advisory Committee can be found at the Town of Grafton website under Boards and Commissions <http://www.town.Grafton.ma.us>.

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