

**October 19, 2017**

Whitefield Economic Development Committee

Minutes of Meeting October 19, 2017

Participants –Tony Marple, Bill McKeen, Karl Richards, Louis Sell, Steve Sheehy, Harriet Vaughn

The committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the Select Board that the town undertake to negotiate a new cable franchise agreement with Spectrum. The committee will brief Selectmen on this issue at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 24.

On this issue, members of the committee undertook to do the following:

- Louis Sell will put together a list of key objectives the town should seek to obtain in any new agreement with Spectrum.
- Steve Sheehy will merge the Maine model cable franchise agreement with the Town's existing contract.
- Karl Richards will seek to set up a meeting with Spectrum reps, to follow up the one already held.
- Karl, working with other members of the committee if it proves necessary to do a drive-by survey, will produce a list of roads in Whitefield without cable access and house numbers on these roads.
- Tony Marple will determine whether Whitefield has a cable TV ordinance. Tony will also look into the status of Whitefield's efforts to get a new cell phone tower constructed.

On land use regulations, Steve Sheehy pointed out that TIFs are usually linked to specific local investment projects. He also briefed the committee on the possible advantages of an open space ordinance in encouraging development.

The committee agreed that its next meeting will be on Thursday November 30 at 4 PM at the Sheepscot.