

STAFF REPORT

May 24, 2021

Topic: Intermunicipal Agreement for joint representation with cable television franchise renewal negotiations with Atlantic Broadband (NH-ME), LLC and formally open the ascertainment and review process

Discussion: The purpose of this agreement is to allow the Municipalities (Alton, Belmont, Deerfield, Franklin, Gilford, Gilmanton, Laconia, New Durham, and Northwood), to create a consortium to retain legal counsel, Donahue, Tucker, & Ciandella, PLLC to learn about legal and strategic opportunities and options for the Municipalities in their cable franchise negotiations. Each Governing body will be adopting the same agreement and understands and agrees to the commitments, terms, and conditions contained in it.

Staff Recommendation:

This report submitted by: Scott Myers, City Manager

Proposed motion:

“I move to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement for joint representation with cable television franchise renewal negotiations with Atlantic Broadband (NH-ME), LLC.”

“I move to authorize the City Manager to sign the Representation Agreement with Donahue, Tucker, & Ciandella, PLLC.”

“I move to authorize the City Manager to sign the attached letter to Atlantic Broadband, formally opening the ascertainment and review process and notifying Atlantic Broadband of the City initiating the process of ascertaining the cable-related needs and interests of the City and auditing the past performance of ABB under the existing Franchise Agreement.”