

The Cable TV Advisory Committee and the Cable Access Committee have been identifying the numerous tasks the Town needs to accomplish under Federal Law* in preparation for the renewal of the Cable license, (due to expire in September of 2004), which will be negotiated with the incumbent cable service provider, Comcast.

We propose the MCTF be given the following charge:

- a. Assist the work of the above mentioned Committees by specifically focusing upon the opportunities presented during the renewal process to provide Belmont with adequate resources for Public, Education and Government Access Channels (PEG), operating revenues and capital equipment funding.
- b. Conduct research required to understand and develop strategies to maximize the outcome of the License negotiations on behalf of the residents of Belmont.
- c. As proscribed by Federal Law*, conduct an evaluation of the community's current and future needs and interest, in particular pertaining to the opportunity to develop telecommunications resources to serve Belmont residents, businesses, organizations and institutions.
- d. The MCTF would oversee that process keeping the following objectives in mind:
 - 1) to provide data directly from the community which would support negotiations to maximize the PEG Access resources in the new contract;
 - 2) educate the residents about the opportunities and potentials of effective local programming and access to technology resources for the Town and its residents; and
 - 3) identify the leadership in the community to further the development of a means to meet these needs and interests through the establishment of a convenor's committee.
- e. Write a Request for Proposal (RFP) and oversee the process for selecting and hiring a consultant to assist the Town in this work.
- f. Work with the consultant to achieve the aforementioned objectives.

* Section 611c, 624c, 637a of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984