

# Town of Franklin

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Franklin, Massachusetts 02038-1352



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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

## Memorandum

February 26, 2021

To: Town Council

From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator

**Re: Resolution 21-12: Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service**

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The Massachusetts Department of Revenue requires the Town Council to vote to appropriate PEG funds received from Comcast and Verizon to an established revolving account.

Please find the attached resolution to appropriate \$170,818.43 in PEG funds received from the Fourth Quarter of 2020 from Verizon and Comcast to the Cable Access Corporation.

Please feel free to call with any questions.



# TOWN OF FRANKLIN RESOLUTION 21-12

**APPROPRIATION:** Cable Funds in Support of PEG Service and Programming per MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4

**TOTAL REQUESTED:** \$170,818.43

**PURPOSE:** To appropriate \$170,818.43 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund created under MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4, representing the amount received in the previous quarter, to be paid to Franklin Cable Access Corp. to operate the cable access studio and otherwise fund its operations.

**MOTION:** Be it Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of \$170,818.43 be appropriated from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund created under MGL Ch. 44, §53F3/4, to be paid to Franklin Cable Access Corp. to operate the cable access studio and otherwise fund its operations.

This resolution shall become effective according to the provisions of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

**DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

**VOTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNANIMOUS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:**

**YES:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSTAIN:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ABSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RECUSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nancy Danello**  
Temporary Town Clerk

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**Glenn Jones, Clerk**  
Franklin Town Council

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# COMCAST

System Name: Comcast of Massachusetts II, Inc.  
Email: Patrick\_Moore@cable.comcast.com  
Phone: 610-665-2575

Vendor ID:	150328
Contract Name:	Franklin MA
Statement Period:	Oct - Dec, 2020
Payment Amount:	\$80,770.67
Statement Number:	760236
CUID:	MA0152
System ID:	8773-1000-0160

FRANKLIN TOWN OF MA  
355 EAST CENTRAL STREET  
  
FRANKLIN, MA, 02038

This statement represents your payment for the period listed above.

Revenue Category	Amount
Expanded Basic Video Service	\$459,244.89
Limited Basic Video Service	\$303,125.53
Digital Video Service	\$350,368.03
Pay	\$171,809.95
PPV / VOD	\$42,403.63
Digital Video Equipment	\$146,804.09
Video Installation / Activation	\$7,163.14
Franchise Fees	\$79,495.98
PEG Fees	\$9,518.07
State Assessment	\$3,211.52
Guide	\$75.60
Other	\$6,615.70
Late Fees	\$1,824.23
Write-offs / Recoveries	(\$2,367.20)
Ad Sales	\$95,572.35
Home Shopping Commissions	\$7,856.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,682,721.62</b>
Franchise Fee %	4.80 %
Franchise Fee	\$80,770.67

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the above is a true and correct statement for the accounting of the gross revenues received by this corporation for the period.

Chad Mackey  
Sr. Analyst

## PEG Grant Report 4th Quarter 2020

### Town of Franklin

#### Verizon - fBA

#### Massachusetts

PEG Fee Rate: 5.00%

	October	November	December	Quarter Total
Monthly Recurring Cable Service Charges (e.g. Basic, Enhanced Basic, Premium and Equipment Rental)	\$489,439.00	\$486,634.90	\$451,480.20	\$1,427,554.10
Usage Based Charges (e.g. PayPer View, Installation)	\$12,824.07	\$13,006.94	\$15,122.72	\$40,953.73
Advertising	\$21,750.51	\$23,584.71	\$28,875.02	\$74,210.24
Home Shopping	\$588.84	\$975.11	\$812.81	\$2,376.76
Late Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Misc. (Leased Access & Other Misc.)	\$3,288.80	\$5,404.40	\$5,797.93	\$14,491.13
License Fee Billed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PEG Fee Billed	\$27,409.00	\$27,189.38	\$26,980.38	\$81,578.76
Less:				
Bad Debt	(\$2,024.00)	(\$1,802.69)	(\$106.05)	(\$3,932.74)
Total Receipts Subject to PEG Fee Calculation	\$553,276.22	\$554,992.74	\$528,963.02	\$1,637,231.98
PEG Grant	\$27,663.81	\$27,749.64	\$26,448.15	\$81,861.60

Verizon New England Inc. is hereby requesting that this information be treated as confidential and proprietary business information in accordance with the terms of the Cable Television Final License granted to Verizon New England Inc. This information is not otherwise readily ascertainable or publicly available by proper means by other persons from another source in the same configuration as provided herein, would cause substantial harm to competitive position of Verizon in the highly competitive video marketplace if disclosed, is intended to be proprietary confidential business information and is treated by Verizon as such.

## PEG Grant Report 4th Quarter 2020

### Town of Franklin

#### Verizon - fBA

#### Massachusetts

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Adjustment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PEG Grant	\$2,766.38	\$2,774.96	\$2,644.82	\$8,186.16

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**TOWN OF FRANKLIN**

**SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL PAYMENTS TO TREASURER**

Turnover Number:

Department:  
ADMINISTRATION  
123

Date: February 24, 2021

FROM WHOM	DESCRIPTION	CODE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Forth Quarter Fees 2020 Check #1231026859	Verizon Cable TV	VERCBL	\$ 8,186.16	\$ 8,186.16
Forth Quarter Fees 2020 Check #521183796	Comcast Cable TV	VERCBL	\$ 80,770.67	\$ 80,770.67
TOTAL				\$ 88,956.83

To the Town Accountant:

The above is a detailed list of moneys collected by me, amounting in the aggregate to:

*Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Six Dollars and Eighty Three Cents*

for the period ending February 24, 2021  
Town Treasurer, whose receipt I hold therefor.

which I have paid to the

Signature *Alecia Alleune*  
Alecia Alleyne, Executive Assistant

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Date: February 24, 2021

**To the Departmental Officer making the Payment:**

Received of ADMINISTRATION the sum of

*Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Six Dollars and Eighty Three Cents*

for the period ending February 24, 2021  
for collection as per schedule of this date, filed in my office.

\_\_\_\_\_, Town Treasurer

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN**

**SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL PAYMENTS TO TREASURER**

Turnover Number:

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ADMINISTRATION  
123

Date: February 16, 2021

FROM WHOM	DESCRIPTION	CODE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Fourth Quarter Fees 2020 Check #1231026757	Verizon Cable TV	VERCBL	\$ 81,861.60	\$ 81,861.60
TOTAL				\$ 81,861.60

To the Town Accountant:

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Signature *Alecia Alleyne*  
Alecia Alleyne, Executive Assistant

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