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**4/19/16**

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**#1**



# BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent - Director:  
ALEXANDRE MAGALHAES

April 8, 2016

Mr. Allin Frawley, Chairman  
Middleborough Board of Selectmen  
10 Nickerson Ave  
Middleborough, MA 02346

Dear Mr. Frawley:

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, your Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District Committee voted to approve the FY 2017 budget. Prior to the regular meeting, a public hearing was held in accordance with the notice posted in all member communities and advertised through a legal notice in The Enterprise.

Information regarding the approved budget and the assessment to the Town of Middleborough, as well as the assessments to the other district communities, is enclosed. **The Town of Middleborough FY 2017 total assessment is \$2,472,112.** Please note that the figures presented here are based upon **the latest available information** from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

As in previous years, the FY 2017 budget reflects community assessments at the minimum required level. These levels are established by the regional agreement, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts based on the Governor's budget. Should these figures change, we will adjust as necessary and notify our communities accordingly.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions regarding our proposed FY 17 budget. Thank you for the continued support of your students at Bristol-Plymouth.

Sincerely,

Alexandre Magalhaes  
Superintendent-Director

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cc: George Randall, School Committee  
Robert Nunes, Town Manager  
Allison Ferreira, Town Clerk  
Kris Belken, Finance Committee  
Judy MacDonald, Treasurer



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*Bristol-Plymouth  
Regional Technical School District*

*Fiscal Year 2017*

*Budget*

*(1.7% Increase)*

*FINAL*

*Approved by School Committee  
April 5, 2016*

*Schedules I, II, III  
and  
Assessment Comparison*

*Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District*  
*Fiscal Year 2017 Budget*  
*Schedule I*

**Operating Budget (By Major Function):**

	<b>FY16</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>% Difference</b>
1000 Administration & Business Functions	1,086,371	1,094,639	0.8%
2000 Instruction	12,811,005	12,625,961	-1.4%
3000 Other Student Services	2,125,571	2,236,125	5.2%
4000 Operation & Maintenance of Plant	2,238,311	2,271,480	1.5%
5000 Insurances/Benefits	3,909,167	4,303,887	10.1%
7000 Equipment/Fixed Assets	59,237	75,000	26.6%
	<u>22,229,662</u>	<u>22,607,092</u>	<u>1.70%</u>

**Total Fiscal Year 2017 Budget** **\$22,607,092**

**Fiscal Year 2016 Budget** **\$22,229,662**

**Dollar Change from Prior Year** **\$377,430**

**Percent Change from Prior Year** **1.70%**

*Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District  
Fiscal Year 2017 Budget  
Schedule II*

**Total Budget:** **\$22,607,092**

<i>Revenue Sources:</i>	<i>FY16</i>	<i>FY17</i>	<i>% Difference</i>
<i>Chapter 70</i>	10,747,399	10,751,899	0.0%
<i>Anticipated Transportation Reimbursement</i>	742,615	762,679	2.7%
<i>Local Contribution</i>	<u>111,760</u>	<u>525,567</u>	<u>370.3%</u>
	11,601,774	12,040,145	3.8%

**Less Applied Revenues:** **\$12,040,145**

**Required Community Assessments:** **\$10,566,948**

*Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District*  
*Fiscal Year 2017 Budget*  
*Schedule III*

<b>Member Community</b>	<b>Minimum Required Contribution</b>		<b>Other Assessment</b>	<b>FY2017 Total Assessment</b>
	<b>State Minimum Contribution Assessment</b>	<b>Regional Transportation Assessment 100%</b>		
Berkley	\$885,806	\$41,948	\$0	\$927,754
Bridgewater	\$1,188,035	\$46,861	\$0	\$1,234,896
Dighton	\$337,065	\$16,250	\$0	\$353,315
Middleborough	\$2,359,117	\$112,995	\$0	\$2,472,112
Raynham	\$1,542,770	\$59,710	\$0	\$1,602,480
Rehoboth	\$529,741	\$18,518	\$0	\$548,259
Taunton	\$3,219,904	\$208,228	\$0	\$3,428,132
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$10,062,438</b>	<b>\$504,510</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,566,948</b>

<b>Member Community</b>	<b>Per Pupil Enrollment of October 2015</b>	<b>Member Community Per Pupil %</b>	<b>Community % of FY2017 Required Minimum Contribution Assessment</b>
Berkley	111	8.31%	8.78%
Bridgewater	124	9.29%	11.69%
Dighton	43	3.22%	3.34%
Middleborough	299	22.40%	23.39%
Raynham	158	11.84%	15.17%
Rehoboth	49	3.67%	5.19%
Taunton	551	41.27%	32.44%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1335</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

# Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District

## FY2016/2017 Budget

### Assessment Comparisons

	Enrollment Oct. 2014	Enrollment Oct. 2015	Enrollment Change	Enrollment % Change	FY16 Minimum Contribution	FY16 Trans. Assess.	FY16 Other	FY16 Total	FY16 Minimum Contribution	FY17 Trans. Assess.	FY17 Other	FY17 Total	\$ Change	% Increase
<b>Berkley</b>	105	111	6	5.7%	836,385	48,837	0	885,222	885,806	41,948	0	927,754	42,532	4.8%
<b>Bridgewater</b>	110	124	14	12.7%	1,049,274	51,162	0	1,100,436	1,188,035	46,861	0	1,234,896	134,460	12.2%
<b>Dighton</b>	37	43	6	16.2%	296,779	17,209	0	313,988	337,065	16,250	0	353,315	39,327	12.5%
<b>Middleborough</b>	289	299	10	3.5%	2,237,902	134,418	0	2,372,320	2,359,117	112,995	0	2,472,112	99,792	4.2%
<b>Raynham</b>	159	158	-1	-0.6%	1,519,991	73,953	0	1,593,944	1,542,770	59,710	0	1,602,480	8,536	0.5%
<b>Rehoboth</b>	41	49	8	19.5%	443,919	19,070	0	462,989	529,741	18,518	0	548,259	85,270	18.4%
<b>Taunton</b>	605	551	-54	-8.9%	3,617,597	281,393	0	3,898,990	3,219,904	208,228	0	3,428,132	-470,858	-12.1%
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1346</b>	<b>1335</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>\$10,001,847</b>	<b>626,042</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$10,627,889</b>	<b>\$10,062,438</b>	<b>504,510</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$10,566,948</b>	<b>-\$60,941</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>

#2



April 7, 2016

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Middleborough  
10 Nickerson Avenue  
Middleborough, MA 02346

**Re: Comcast Digital Preferred and Digital Premier Services**

Dear Chairman and Members of the Board:

I'm writing to make you aware of some upcoming changes to our Digital Preferred and Digital Premier XFINITY TV services and the launch of new related packages. The changes being made will help make the bill easier to read and understand for our customers. It is important to note that these changes will not impact the actual services being received by the customer or the price they currently pay.

On April 28, 2016, we will rename the following XFINITY TV Services:

- Digital Preferred will be renamed Digital Preferred Tier;
- Digital Preferred plus One Premium will be renamed Digital Preferred Tier plus One Premium;
- Digital Preferred with HBO will be renamed Digital Preferred Tier with HBO;
- Digital Preferred with Two Premiums will be renamed Digital Preferred Tier with Two Premiums;
- Digital Preferred with HBO and One Premium will be renamed Digital Preferred Tier with HBO and One Premium; and
- Digital Premier will be renamed Digital Premier Tier.

In addition, on April 28, 2016, we will launch the following new packages:

- Digital Preferred package will include Digital Starter and the Digital Preferred Tier at \$87.70/mo.
- Digital Preferred plus One Premium package will include Digital Preferred and choice of Showtime, Starz, Cinemax or TMC at \$99.70/mo.
- Digital Preferred with HBO package will include Digital Preferred and HBO at \$102.70/mo.
- Digital Preferred plus Two Premiums package will include Digital Preferred and choice of two premium channels of Showtime, Starz, Cinemax, or TMC at \$111.70/mo.
- Digital Preferred with HBO and One Premium package will include Digital Preferred, HBO and choice of Showtime, Starz, Cinemax or TMC at \$114.70/mo.
- Digital Premier package will include Digital Preferred, HBO, Showtime, Starz, Cinemax, and TMC at \$134.70/mo.

These new packages will allow customers currently subscribing to both Digital Starter and one of our Digital Preferred or Digital Premier packages to combine these two services on the bill rather than being charged as two separate line items. The price would remain the same, but would be combined in the one line item charge. This will make the video section of the bill easier to read and follow for customers.

#3

April 14, 2016

Colleen Lieb, Secretary to Board of Selectmen (*via email*)

RE: public records

Colleen:

The Board of Selectmen asked whether a request for public records by a group such as the Tourism Committee is within the scope of the Public Records Law (G.L. c.66, §10).

Section 10 of Chapter 66 provides in part the following:

“Every person having custody of any public record, as defined in clause Twenty-sixth of section seven of chapter four, shall, at reasonable times and without unreasonable delay, permit it, or any segregable portion of a record which is an independent public record, to be inspected and examined by any person, under his supervision, and shall furnish one copy thereof upon payment of a reasonable fee. Every person for whom a search of public records is made shall, at the direction of the person having custody of such records, pay the actual expense of such search.”

It is clear under Section 10 that a “person” is the party who may make a public records request. Only a “person” may make a public records request governed by Section 10.

General Laws Chapter 4, Section 7 defines certain words when used in statutes. One of the words defined in Section 7 is “person”. Section 7 defines “person” as follows:

“Twenty-third, “Person” or “whoever” shall include corporations, societies, associations and partnerships.”

Massachusetts courts have generally construed statutes using the word “person” not to include municipalities or agencies of municipalities.

My opinion is that a public records request by a Town agency or committee is not a public records request by a person under Chapter 66, Section 10. Therefore, the request is not governed by Chapter 66, Section 10.

Very truly yours,

Daniel F. Murray  
Town Counsel  
DFM/s  
00-146

#4

**From:** Patricia Hathaway  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 9:17 AM  
**Subject:** ABCC Regional eLicensing Presentation

As you are aware, the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (“ABCC”) is in the process of implementing ePLACE, an electronic (“eLicensing”) system. The goal of this project is to simplify the application process for our licensees and applicants, streamline the licensing process for the local licensing authorities as well as ABCC staff, and provide transparency to the public. When the project is completed, in addition to many other things, applicants and licensees will be able to apply, renew, or modify their license(s) online.

The ABCC has endeavored to keep you updated about this project, as well as solicit feedback and answer questions. Toward that end, we are conducting regional presentations for all interested municipalities. The presentation will include an overview of the system.

We hope you will join us. Please see the schedule below to find a date that is convenient. To register, click on this link: [www.mass.gov/abcc/outreach.htm](http://www.mass.gov/abcc/outreach.htm) and select a date. We look forward to seeing all of you.

Please do not hesitate to contact Patricia Hathaway at [617-727-3040 ext.738](tel:617-727-3040), with any questions you may have.

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Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission  
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Fax. 617-727-1510  
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[Phathaway@tre.state.ma.us](mailto:Phathaway@tre.state.ma.us)  
[www.mass.gov/abcc](http://www.mass.gov/abcc)

#5

**From:** Mauro, John (DFS) [mailto:John.Mauro@MassMail.State.MA.US]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 11:16 AM  
**Subject:** Important Fire Safety Training for Nightclub owners and operators

Greetings,

Your name has been provided to me by the Massachusetts Alcohol Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) as the local licensing authority for your community. As the ABCC does not have a master list of nightclubs in the Commonwealth, I am writing to ask you for your assistance in getting the word out about important fire safety training for nightclub owners and operators licensed by your community.

State and local fire and building officials have been conducting night club inspections for the past several years in the aftermath of new laws passed as a result of the tragic Station Nightclub Fire in Rhode Island in 2003, and have noted a number of violations of the state laws and fire and building safety codes, some violations being significant. As a result of the on-going inspections, the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services (DFS) applied for, and received a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant to educate the community on fire safety in nightclubs. The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA) has developed a training and education program to conform with the grant, with a target audience to include nightclub owners and operators and certified crowd managers as well as local and state fire, building and ABCC inspectors.

The program is in its final stages of development and is set to roll out on Wednesday, April 27 in Fitchburg. A total of 30 training sessions will be scheduled across the Commonwealth from April 27<sup>th</sup> until the end of August. Currently, we have approximately 20 trainings scheduled, with the remaining 10 or so in process. Here is a link to the training and registration site for the programs:

[http://mfa.chs.state.ma.us/mfa\\_courses/courseDetails.asp?cid=960&curr=1](http://mfa.chs.state.ma.us/mfa_courses/courseDetails.asp?cid=960&curr=1)

Here is a description of the course:

*This 8-hour course is designed to deliver an overview of nightclub fire safety laws and regulations to fire officials and inspectors, building commissioners and inspectors, nightclub owners and operators, Massachusetts ABCC officials, and nightclub crowd managers. The focal point of the training will be to provide a better understanding of what type of conditions to look for when conducting an inspection, a clearer picture of how code violations impact nightclubs and similar regulated venues, and insight on how to reduce or eliminate violations, with the main focus on occupant safety. Through the use of lecture, case studies, exercises, and a knowledge assessment, the attendees will build upon their basic knowledge of the safety codes to develop a more thorough understanding of the specific risks associated with these special occupancies and the steps necessary to properly conduct inspections. This course consists of eight (8) hours of instructor-led classroom training.*

Could you please forward this information to the licensed nightclub owners and operators in your jurisdiction? If so, that would be extremely helpful!

Thank you for your assistance!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

John Mauro  
Nightclub Fire Safety Grant Program Coordinator  
Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, MA Firefighting Academy

#6

**From:** Reddish, Jill M [mailto:jill.m.reddish@verizon.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 4:37 PM

**To:** Reddish, Jill M

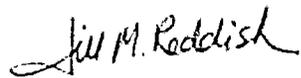
**Subject:** Annual filing - CTV Form 200, 300 and Verizon New England's condensed Financial Statement

Dear Municipal Official,

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 166A, § 8, Verizon New England Inc. ("Verizon New England") is required to file with the Department of Telecommunications and Cable Television and Issuing Authorities CTV Form 200 and CTV Form 400.

Also included is a copy of Verizon New England's Condensed Financial Statements for 2015, including a Statement of Operations and Balance Sheets for 2014.

Sincerely,



Jill Reddish  
FiOS TV- Sr. Staff Consultant  
Franchise Management - NE  
617 342 0558



**CTV FORM 200  
FINANCIAL BALANCE SHEET**

Reporting Entity: Verizon New England, Inc	Current	Prior
Franchises Served: 113	Year	Year
Year Ending: December 31, 2015	2016	2015

See attached Verizon New England Inc., Condensed Financial Statements.

**LIABILITIES AND OWNER'S EQUITY**

<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
420	Accounts Payable	_____	_____
430	Subscriber Advance Payments and Deposits	_____	_____
440	Debt Due within One Year	_____	_____
450	Current Taxes Payable	_____	_____
460	Other Current Liabilities	_____	_____
470	<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>
<u>Non Current Liabilities</u>			
480	Long-Term Debt	_____	_____
490	Notes Payable	_____	_____
500	Bonds Payable	_____	_____
510	Obligation on Capitalized Leases	_____	_____
520	Deferred Taxes	_____	_____
530	Other Non Current Liabilities	_____	_____
540	<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>
<u>Owner's Equity</u>			
550	Net Assets due from/to Parent Company	_____	_____
560	Capital Stock	_____	_____
570	Retained Earnings - Gross	_____	_____
580	Accumulated Dividends	_____	_____
590	Other	_____	_____
600	<b>Total Owner's Equity</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>
610	<b>Total Liabilities and Equities</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>

**CTV FORM 200  
FINANCIAL BALANCE SHEET**

Reporting Entity: Verizon New England Inc.	Current	Prior
Franchises Served: 113	Year	Year
Year Ending: December 31, 2015	2016	2015

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See attached Verizon New England Inc., Condensed Financial Statements.

**ASSETS**

	<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>		
200	Cash and Equivalents	_____	_____
210	Accounts Receivable, Less Allowances	_____	_____
220	Inventory	_____	_____
230	Prepaid Expenses	_____	_____
240	Other Current Assets	_____	_____
<b>250</b>	<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>
	<b><u>Fixed Operating Assets</u></b>		
260	Land	_____	_____
270	Buildings	_____	_____
280	Headend Equipment	_____	_____
290	Trunk and Distribution Equipment	_____	_____
300	Subscriber Devices	_____	_____
310	Other Fixed Operating Assets	_____	_____
320	Construction Work in Progress	_____	_____
<b>330</b>	<b>Total Fixed Operating Assets</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>
340	Accumulated Depreciation	_____	_____
	<b>Net Fixed Operating Assets</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>
	<b><u>Other Operating Assets</u></b>		
350	Franchise Acquisition Costs	_____	_____
360	Excess Fair Value	_____	_____
370	Goodwill	_____	_____
380	Other Intangible Assets	_____	_____
<b>390</b>	<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>
400	Accumulated Amortization	_____	_____
	<b>Net Other Assets</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>
<b>410</b>	<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>

**CTV FORM 400  
STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP**

Please provide the following information for each Issuing Authority. Note that communities served by the same legal entity may be aggregated.

- (1) (a) The full legal name of the cable operator's legal entity (corporation or partnership) holding the cable television license.

Name: **Verizon New England Inc.**

- (b) If applicable, the d/b/a or generally used name of the legal entity within the Issuing Authority's community.

Name: **Not Applicable**

- (2) The full legal name of the ultimate parent entity/ies which own(s) the corporation or partnership holding the cable license.

Name: **Verizon Communications Inc.**

- (3) The regional office(s) managing the cable licenses in Massachusetts:

Name: **Franchise Management**  
Street Address: **125 High Street**  
Municipality, **Boston, MA 02110**  
Contact Person: **Jill M. Reddish**  
Contact Person's Title: **Senior Staff Consultant – FiOS TV**  
Contact Person's Telephone Number: **617-342-0558**

- (4) The corporate office of the ultimate parent entity:

Name: **Verizon Communications Inc.**  
Street Address: **140 West St, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor,**  
Municipality, State & Zip Code: **New York, NY USA 10007**  
Contact Person **Monica Azare**  
Contact Person's Title: **Vice President and Deputy General Counsel**  
Contact Person's Telephone Number: **(212) 519-4715**

**Verizon New England Inc.**

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Condensed Financial Statements (Unaudited)  
As of December 31, 2015  
and for the year then ended  
With Financial Statements Certification

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**Verizon New England Inc.**

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**Verizon New England Inc.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I have examined this report and that all statements of fact contained therein are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that nothing material has occurred that would require further explanation.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Monty W. Garrett  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Signer

Controller - Verizon New England Inc.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

3/25/2016  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

Verizon New England Inc.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(Unaudited)

	(dollars in millions)
<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,403</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Cost of services and sales (exclusive of items shown below)	1,228
Selling, general and administrative expense	193
Depreciation and amortization expense	427
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,848</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>555</b>
Interest expense	(28)
<b>Income Before Provision for Income Tax</b>	<b>527</b>
Provision for income tax	(204)
<b>Net Income and Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>\$ 323</b>

Verizon New England Inc.

**CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET**  
(Unaudited)

(dollars in millions)

At December 31,

2015

**Assets**

Current assets

Accounts receivable:

Trade and other, net of allowances for uncollectibles of \$10

\$ 232

Affiliates

252

Prepaid expenses

2

Deferred charges and other

25

Total current assets

511

Plant, property and equipment

12,353

Less accumulated depreciation

8,431

3,922

Intangible assets, net

8

Other assets

162

Total assets

\$ 4,603

**Liabilities and Shareowner's Investment (Deficit)**

Current liabilities

Debt maturing within one year:

Notes payable to affiliate

\$ 1,385

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:

Affiliates

379

Other

149

Other current liabilities

84

Total current liabilities

1,997

Long-term debt

352

Employee benefit obligations

2,841

Deferred income taxes

149

Other

57

Shareowner's deficit

Common stock (one share, without par value)

1

Contributed capital

474

Accumulated deficit

(1,268)

Total shareowner's deficit

(793)

Total liabilities and shareowner's deficit

\$ 4,603