

The meeting came to order at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday, August 19, 2010 in Room 121 of Town Hall.

Present were:

Oleg Volinsky, Mike Geis, and Brandy Brandon from CAC, Mike Gowing from BoS, and TJ Dyer, John Covert, and Dick Calandrella from ACAT.

Oleg Volinsky was nominated for Chair and elected unanimously

Mike Geis was nominated for Secretary and elected unanimously

The minutes of the July 15, 2010 meeting were approved.

Mike Gowing reported that we have a candidate in the pipeline, Terence Lobo, for new member. Terence has filled out the application and is waiting to be interviewed by the VCC.

Mike also reported that Michael Fisher has expressed interest but is already on the Transportation Advisory Commission which meets on the same evening. A change in the date of the regularly scheduled meeting date would fix this problem.

With respect to citizen correspondence, we will rotate responsibility for USPS mail for the period between meetings beginning with Brandy for September, Mike for October, and Oleg for November. For electronic correspondence, Oleg will be the first responder and either address the item or forward it to someone else.

The Chair will assume responsibility for scheduling meetings and publishing the agendas for them.

Mike Gowing pointed out that Acton Water District is digging on Arlington Street and now would be a good time for Verizon to install FiOS in that location if it has not already done so. This would minimize disruption for the citizens living in that neighborhood.

TJ Dyer introduced himself as the new President of ACAT, after the resignation of Brendan Hearn. ACAT now has two open positions on its board which it is seeking to fill. ACAT needs specific skills such as accounting and legal. Comcast has tested signal quality on channels 8, 9, and 10. Quality has improved markedly since Comcast's visit last Wednesday. TJ Dyer noted that the July 3rd fireworks from NARA Park were broadcast live. The current infrastructure limits cameras to the area around the boathouse but ACAT is working to extend live camera capability to the amphitheater. With this capability, ACAT could broadcast live the USAF Band which is appearing at NARA Park on September 12th. TJ said that ACAT expects to bring on, as early as next week, another employee who will do educational access and outreach. ACAT is negotiating with ABRSH for space and considering other locations.

Oleg moved to approve the minutes as read and adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
M. G. (Brandy) Brandon