

Cable Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 17th, 2011

Room 46, Town Hall

7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Oleg Volinsky, Chester Ruszczyk, Terence Lobo

Also present at the meeting: T.J. Dyer (ACAT President), Charlie Page (ACAT)

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

Committee discussed how ACAT can be helped by CAC. Help could be in the form of help to find equipment, space, etc and keeping ACAT advised of complaints, issues, etc.

Committee explained CAC role which is to advise ACAT, monitor ACAT and maintain line of communication.

ACAT informed that it is settling on space.

Citizen's concerns:

Daniel Factor had a question about ACAT providing Close Caption (CC) for town meetings.

Committee was informed by ACAT that CC :

- Was costly. Costs about \$4000 for hardware and \$120 per hour transcription costs . Transcription needs skilled fast typists.
- ASL (American Sign Language) is not provided at town meetings. If ASL is provided it could be added Picture-In-Picture
- Close Captioning is costly and common way is ASL
- Lots of other towns have CC sponsors
- ACAT to investigate CC with Watertown who provide CC for their town meetings.

Daniel Factor's letter will be sent to the Cable interest email list and Oleg will follow up with Daniel Factor.

Other:

March meeting date will be moved to probably Wed, March 9. Next month meeting will discuss Jan and Feb minutes. Verizon will be invited to next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15. Minutes taken by Terence Lobo.