

Cable Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Room 49, Town Hall

CAC member present: Oleg Volinsky, Michael Geis, and Michael Growing

Called to order: 7:45 PM

Minutes from May 19, 2011 approved

Citizens concerns: none

General concerns:

Discussion about the Verizon cable to the Senior Center being cut: Several complaints about phone service at Auburn Hill. One attempt to remedy the problem was to cut the cable to the Senior Center. Although cutting the cable did not remove the phone service the cable was not reconnected. Oleg will call to determine the status of the cable.

Discussion of ACAT

We should visit ACAT after July after they move into their new office.

ACAT has its financial records on its website: ActonTV.org

ACAT has its viewing time heavily use and has its viewing schedule is in the BEACON, usually in the sports section.

Continued discussion of Cable Access Committee goals

1. New members: Discussed how the recruitment might be changed.
2. Knowledge transfer of the system as a whole. For example where are the Town cable drops?
3. Mike Growing said one goal is to insure that Verizon complete cable the town by November 6, 2011. Last he heard they had 70 % of the Town having access to cable. Mary L Frere represents Verizon. We should invite her to a committee meeting in October to advise us on the completion time. Verizon might have cable available to single family homes, but may have problem with multifamily homes.
4. CAC's website should have information about providers, Comcast and Verizon, definition of acronyms, and links to Comcast and Verizon webpages. It must be obvious that these webpages are outside the Acton's website.

ACAT has 135 members some of which might volunteers for the cable committee. Need to include elimination of barriers and needs for the committee to meet its goals. One barrier is system knowledge.

July 18 is the time for the goals report.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM. Minutes by Mike Geis.