

Cable Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Room 121, Acton Town Hall

CAC member present: Oleg Volinsky, Terence Lobo, Michael Geis, and Selectman, Michael Gowing. Also present at the meeting: Mary Frere (Verizon Representative), Thomas J Dyer and Charles Paige (ACAT), John covert, and Brett Murphy (Citizens)

Meeting called to order 7:39 pm Sept 15, 2011

Citizen Concerns:

Michael Gowing: The lose of phone service and electricity in some areas as long as a week this summer did not represent a critical problem this time, but power outages could become critical in the winter. Some may be house bound and not be able to call for help. We need coordinate with NStar, Comcast, and Verizon. The town is doing that through the DPU (Department of Public Utilities)

We had a complaint that a town citizen was unable to get results with Comcast using the phone.

Agenda:

Verizon

The Town's contract with Verizon has the entire town connected by end of October.

Mary Frere: Verizon connections will be effectively completed by October.

CAC discussed whether owners of condos and multifamily dwellings can refuse Verizon or Comcast connections.

If a multifamily dwelling votes for a Verizon hookup when can they expect to be connected? Mary Frere: That depends upon several things: how close are the units to an outlet, does it require digging? It could take as long as spring of next year.

John asked when is IPV6 going to be deployed? Mary Frere will report back. The number of IP addresses is limited. IPV6 significantly increases the number of effective IP addresses.

Approval of minutes from previous meetings

Minutes for June 16, and July 21, 2011 were approved.

Acton Community Access Television, Inc (ACAT)

Thomas J Dyer and Charles Paige from ACAT came to give a report. A truck was donated to ACAT. As well as being able to transport significant equipment it contains with a 6 kW generator. The generator can run equipment in the field and in the case of a power outage, it can power essential equipment at the station.

ACAT's grand opening in its new building will be between in October.

The new facility is on Craig Road across from Circle Furniture Outlet. (Craig Road is between School Street and HW 2.)

ACAT once operated from the high school. They left enough equipment at the high school for a working studio and the school has bought additional equipment. ACAT will put on school shows with permission from the school.

The November Cable-Access-Committee, CAC, meeting could be held at the new ACAT building.

ACAT at its web address ActonTv.org has video of several of the town functions on demand. (A list of some of the videos is at ActonTv.org/VOD/.)

CAC Goals

CAC needs a written knowledge base. Terence Lobo agreed to start the effort. Oleg suggested that we share have the responsibility of fielding complaints to be shared between the CAC committee members.

No old business

Open Meeting Law

Mike Gowing said the Town's "Open Meeting Law" review meeting is mandatory for those who have not attended one. If you have already attended one, he recommends that you attend again as the law has evolved with time.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM