

**Town of Acton
Cable Advisory Committee**
Thursday, January 19th, 2012
Room 121, Acton Town Hall

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Attendees:

Cable Advisory Committee: John Covert, Michael Geis, Terence Lobo, Chester Ruszczuk, and Oleg Volinsky
Selectman: Michael Gowing

Meeting called to order 7:45 pm.

Citizen concerns:

Mike Gowing and Dick Calandrella are addressing Mr. Hertz's issues with audio equipment and the video camera positioning. Dick is addressing the issue with upgrading the equipment. The cost of the upgrade will be an ACAT expense. The two robot cameras upstairs will be replaced with new ones. The microphones will be upgraded with additional operator training.

Committee motion:

John Covert introduced the following motion:

Moved, Issuing authority to invite cable operators and ACAT to an upcoming cable committee meeting to discuss options for upgrading to digital transmission.

Suggested phases:

Phase 1: Digital transmission from ACAT to the providers of three standard definition digital signals.

Phase 2: INET transmission of digital signals from INET drops to ACAT.

There is no intention in this motion to completely eliminate analog transmission within the INET.

The primary purpose of this upgrade is to improve picture and sound quality.

Seconded by Mike Geis.

Estimated cost to change: \$3,000 to \$10,000.

The selectmen may be involved with ACAT's upgrading to digital transmission.

The cable committee unanimously passed the motion.

General discussion:

John suggested that Mike Gowing send a copy of the minutes to Comcast, Verizon and ACAT

Mike Gowing suggested that we discuss the changes with Comcast, Verizon and ACAT before the March meeting, so at that meeting or at another time the parties will have thought out the changes.

John said he wants a plan even it takes years to make the change.

Minutes for December 22, 2011 ammended and approved.

Oleg discussed the need for knowledge base. The next meeting we should discuss the licensing process.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.