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CAC Meeting 1/15/15

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Called to order 7:35pm

Attendance: Oleg Volinsky, Chet Ruszczyk, Mike Gowing, Richard Logan, Charlie Aaronson (V.P. BoD ActonTV), Jill Reddish (Verizon FIOS TV Franchise Manager)

Steve Davidson was a remote participant.

Oleg Volinsky raised to Verizon representative the following questions:

Q: Who is the Verizon Government affairs representative contact for Acton?

Jill's response: Stephanie Lee is the Verizon Government affairs representative. Her contact will be provided after the meeting. [Completed on 01/21/2015]

Q: Verizon FIOS ONT batteries have failed around the school district and now beep periodically.

Jill's response: The instructions to disable ONT battery alarm will be provided after the meeting. In general, this will include unplugging ONT battery.

In addition to questions from Brendan Hearn, the committee brought up to Verizon Representative citizen complaints with regard to removal of copper cabling from premises during installation of the FIOS fiber. Jill will follow up on this issue and will get back to the committee.

Steve Davidson stated that by removing copper cabling during Verizon FIOS installation, Verizon removes capability for an alternative provider to offer services and creates anti-competitive situation.

Jill mentioned that Verizon FIOS contract started in 2006 and the built out in 2011. The contract between the town and Verizon goes through 2021. Jill stated that the contract renewal 3 year window for Verizon FIOS contract is in 2018.

Committee members brought up the overall committee desire for service providers to pick up a digital signal from ActonTV. Jill stated that Verizon is picking up signal from Comcast at the Town Library. Verizon could pick up the signal from ActonTV either SDI or ATSC.

After the Verizon representative departed from the meeting, the committee discussed communication with ActonTV at the time of transition.

Charlie Aaronson (ActonTV) stated that due to personnel changes at ActonTV, Mike Chapman (active Executive Director) and Charlie Aaronson ([Charlie.aaronson@actontv.org](mailto:Charlie.aaronson@actontv.org)) should be ActonTV contacts going forward.

Annual meeting:

Mike Gowing reminded the committee that the annual report for the needs to be provided by the end of next week. Steve volunteered to help out with the report.

Some points that should be highlighted in the report:

- Challenges with bringing up an I-Net connection to Blanchard school at Boxborough
- Work with ActonTV and Town on conversion to digital signal. The goal is to replace old equipment with the new technology.
- Working with Comcast on updating/maintenance of I-Net equipment.

Minutes from the committee meeting on 12/18/2014 were reviewed and approved as stated.

Meeting adjourned 8:43pm