

CAC Meeting 04/20/17

Call to order: 7:40pm

Meeting attendees:

Terence Lobo

Oleg Volinsky

Steve Davidson

Richard Logan

John Covert

Marc Duci

Charlie Aaronson, citizen and representative of the VCC

Richard Abbot

- Steve Davidson has asked Charlie Aaronson regarding an earlier request about the Cable Advisory Committee charter. Charlie stated that if the charter exists, Eva, Town Clerk, may be able to locate it. If one does not exist or could not be located, the selectman charged to the committee can submit one to the board of selectman. Steve to follow up with the selectman charged to the committee and/or town clerk.
- With regard to the outage/lack of broadcast of the Nagog Pond meeting.
 - o Marc Duci has explained that there was a technical issue due with a signal from another location interfering with the signal transmitted from the meeting. In part, this is due to a limitation of the existing system. The current system can only broadcast a single meeting at a time.
 - o On that day, there were two meeting going on in town that could be broadcasted. There was a second modulator from another meeting on, and that resulted in a technical issue that prevented broadcasting of a Nagog Pond meeting.
 - o It took a while for the Acton TV team to identify and resolve the problem.
- Terence brought up an issue of watching the meeting recording online. Since meetings do not start at exactly at the scheduled time, for example 7pm, the beginning of the actual meeting is delayed and unpredictable. It is very inconvenient for viewers.
- In discussion regarding Mr. Hertz's complain about the quality of town meeting broadcasts, the committee suggested that it would be very helpful if Mr. Hertz would provide an example of broadcast where he has observed a problem. This would help ActonTV to evaluate the issue and identify possible solution. At this time it is possible that the problem already has been addressed with already implemented changes. The committee to reach out to Mr. Hertz to ask him to record any issues he observes during ActonTV broadcast for future review.
- Marc Duci updated the committee about discussions with Verizon regarding possibly providing the digital Acton TV signal directly to Verizon.
 - o Marc: "After speaking with Verizon Representative Jill Reddish, we have come up with a plan to cablecast to Verizon customers a true digital signal. Verizon will be providing us with equipment in late summer that will allow us to send a digital signal right from our

data room at ActonTV which will bypass the Library headend that we are currently sending our signal through. We are just waiting for them to have the capability to accept an HD/SDI signal which is why it will take until late summer."

- Steve D. updated the committee regarding the citizen survey
 - o The survey is ready. We need to start distribution of information about the survey.

Adjourned: 8:49pm