

Town of Princeton, MA
Cable Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2017

CAC members in attendance: Darcy Rowell, Paul Caneen, Philip Gransewicz, R. Lane Ware, David Hilton

Public: Bill Dino, Resident

Cable Advisory Committee Agenda:

- Approve Minutes
- New Business
 - Status of Licensing Process
- Old Business
- Public Comment

Cable Advisory Committee Meeting:

6:31 PM - The meeting was called to order.

Motion to approve February 23, 2017 CAC meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve April 12, 2017 CAC meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve April 18, 2017 CAC meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that the Public Hearing Transcripts for March 13, 2017, April 3, 2017 and April 5, 2017 are all posted on the CAC website.

Status of Licensing Process is as follows:

- The Cable Television Initial License State of Reasons was emailed to Charter, Comcast and the DTC on May 2, 2017.
- Comcast has 30 days to appeal to DTC, which would be by June 1, 2017.
- Negotiations could begin June 2, 2017 with Charter.

Cable Advisory Future:

Discussion ensued regarding the CAC and the future.

- Presently, the CAC has completed its charge as defined by the BoS on October 19, 2016, that being:
 - To “support the Princeton Board of Selection (BoS), as Cable TV Issuing Authority (IA), in the initial Cable TV (CATV) franchise licensing process. Perform research on available options, prioritize those options, and make recommendations to the IA as to the desired components of a CATV franchise contract.”
 - “The primary outcome of this initial process is the Issuing Authority Report, which is the IA’s response to any franchise applicants.”
- Discussion ensued regarding the present status of the CAC and the future.
 - By charge, the CAC has accomplished and completed its charge.

- Comments regarding the future role of the CAC are as follows:
 - Should the CAC provide the BoS with a white paper regarding license language that the CAC thinks is important to Princeton?
 - Charter accepted some of the IAR license language, but not all, would it benefit the BoS to know this information.
 - It was stated that the Town Administrator and the cable attorney were delegated to negotiate the license by the BoS.
 - Reference was made to the role of the CAC and Holden and Rutland, which have charter and their activities, e.g., consumer complaints, PEG issues, etc.
 - Phil G. volunteered to get a copy of the Holden CAC charge.
 - Paul Caneen volunteered to get a copy of the Rutland CAC charge.
 - It was agreed that the CAC would review both charges and develop a letter of recommendation to the BoS on the future role of the Princeton CAC.
 - Phil and Paul are to email the charges to Darcy and she will forward them to the CAC, information only, for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be May 24, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall Annex.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.