

# Town of Wayland Cable Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2013

### Town Building

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#### Members Present:

Phil Radoff (Vice Chair)

Thomas Klem

Richard Turner

Steve Correia (Selectman Liaison)

Guest: WayCAM President Ken Isaacson

Meeting convened at 7:00PM.

- Public comment: There was no public comment.
- Information from Mainstone Farm Residents Concerning Verizon FiOS Buildout
  - The Committee engaged in an outreach campaign to the Trustees and Managers of Mainstone Farm regarding FiOS status. Of the six subdivision complexes, two (Glen Oak and Turkey Hill) do not have FiOS service.
  - As a consequence, Verizon has not completed town-wide deployment of FiOS, as stipulated in the licensing agreement with the Town and which was publicly touted last year. Verizon has previously been notified of this non-compliance (letter sent Dec12), and in a response to the Town (received Jan13) has indicated that it does not feel the need to offer compensation, having made all reasonable and appropriate efforts to meet the contractual requirement.
- Remedies Available to the Town Regarding Verizon FiOS Buildout
  - Steps toward resolution of an impasse are outlined in Section 13 of the licensing agreement. The next stage, following the notice of violation and response by Verizon noted above, would be to hold a public hearing. Ideally, residents of Mainstone Farm would be willing to appear, or write letters, to give weight to the Town's claim. The Committee will reach out to the Mainstone community to gauge interest in participating in such a hearing.
  - Steve Correia volunteered, with the support of the Committee, to contact Kent George (a Mainstone resident) to assist in this outreach effort.
  - After obtaining feedback from Mainstone Farms, the Committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen regarding a course of action.
- WayCAM request for additional Verizon converter boxes
  - Ken Isaacson has requested two additional converter boxes for use in the WayCAM studio. These would be used to monitor audio/visual quality of the Verizon cablecast provided to subscribers.
- Audio Quality in the Large Hearing Room of Town Building

- Audio quality is poor for those watching televised board meetings which take place in the Large Hearing Room, and has been the subject of numerous complaints. WayCAM will coordinate with Town staff to upgrade the speaker system, but funds for this purpose will first require approval at Town Meeting.
- Committee member Turner raised the idea that Verizon should provide funding to WayCAM, because Wayland PEG programming can be viewed in neighboring communities. The basis is that Wayland programming provides additional viewing options for Verizon subscribers in these towns.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM

Minutes recorded by Thomas Klem