

Wellfleet Cable Advisory Committee

Minutes

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Chairman Tom Cole called the 20 August 2013 meeting of the Wellfleet Cable Advisory Committee to order in the meeting room of the Wellfleet Library at 1:03 PM.

Present were Committee Members Tom Cole, Chair, Barbara Gray, Dick Guernsey, Jeff Tash, and Betsy Williams.

Comcast License. Cole reviewed issues related to Comcast provision of service to certain unserved homes in the National Seashore, as provided for in a side-letter to the 2010 Comcast License.

Cole reported that the Selectmen had received resident's complaints about the lack of expected activity by Comcast at their 13 August meeting. This followed TA Terkanian's meeting with several members of that community after which he wrote a letter to Ms Mary O'Keeffe at Comcast. He reported that her response was less responsive than he requested. After a number of residents complained at the Selectmen's meeting, the Selectmen asked the TA to arrange for a public hearing on the matter and to include Truro and regional officials as well. Cole noted that several residents complained that CAC had not been active on the matter and that the CAC had not met since mid-2209, which was not accurate. However, minutes of those later meetings had not been approved so were missing at the Clerk's office. They will be voted later in this meeting. The CAC must approve future meeting minutes on a more timely basis.

Chairman Cole also noted that he had been in regular contact with Ms O'Keeffe and Geoffrey Palmer (from an affected neighborhood) concerning this issue during License negotiations with Comcast and often since then. When Mr Palmer requested a next step, Cole recommended he contact TA Terkanian. Going forward from here, the TA told Cole that he and the Selectmen are now managing the matter. The CAC will assist them in any way they request. A date for the public hearing will be set at some future time.

Channel 18 Update. Chairman Cole said that plans for Wellfleet's public access Channel 18 are under way pending a review of the Draft Memorandum of Understanding with the Library by the Town manager and Board of Selectmen. Also, the Assistant TA Tim King is preparing the bidding process for the purchase of Channel 18 cablecast and production equipment.

The committee reviewed the MOU negotiated by the Chair and Betsy Williams with the Library Board of Trustees for the use of the "edit room" in the Video Studio as the cablecast operations center. This will have to be submitted to the TA and the Selectmen for final approval. It is assumed there will be changes required.

LCCAT Access Agreement renewal. Chairman Cole reported that the LCCAT Access Agreement is up for renewal in early 2014. Details will be provided at a later meeting. The committee will review the Agreement and make recommendations to the Selectmen prior to their approval.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved that the minutes of the following meetings be approved as circulated: 19 May 2009, 5 June 2009, 8 June 2009, 10 June 2009, 13 July 2009, 16 December 2009, 31 January 2011, 23 May 2011, 1 August 2011, and 20 July 2012. The motion was approved without dissent.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,