

Cable TV Advisory Committee Meeting
September 15, 2009

Present: Charles Beale, Gerald Larence, Therese Woodhouse
Guests: Gerry Buckley (Comcast), Jill Reddish (Verizon)

The minutes of the August 18, 2009 were approved. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Gerry will forward the stuff he received from Keith Mueller regarding a web site for the committee, to Chuck Beale who will coordinate our web page.

The email login and password for the committee is on hold pending a new system being put into place.

Motion to forward the committee's charter to the Board of Selectmen. Approved 3-0.

Daryl Hanson resigned from the committee because he is moving out of town. His office of Vice-chairman will be filled by an election next month.

Comcast Rep, Gerry Buckley stated:

- the expanded tier of basic, which is going digital, will provide more choices as well as faster internet connection. This is expected to take place within 30 – 90 days.
- standard, basic customers will get a box at no charge to convert analog TVs to digital.
- customers with multiple televisions and one cable box can get an additional two DTA's for free. If they have more tvs than that there is a nominal fee.
- answer to a letter from a subscriber "Will a QAM tuner work until the transition" Yes.
- DTA's are available at this time from the Attleboro office.
- questions regarding PEG network testing: routine testing is not performed by Comcast. If the town wishes to conduct testing they need to give Comcast a one week notice and they (Comcast) will monitor the testing and correct problems.

Verizon Rep, Jill Reddish stated:

- as of this morning, the VSO (video serving office) is still being positioned
- actual service to customers is expected in December 2009
- schools and public buildings will receive one TV connection
- Jill will provide a list of Rhode Island office locations. The following Massachusetts office locations were distributed:

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| 1. Newton , Lifestyle Plaza 244 Needham St | 617-969-2526 |
| 2. Lynn , Harbor Place 411 Lynnway, Route 1A | 781-592-1410 |
| 3. Canton , 95 Washington St. Suite 560 | 781-401-3174 |
| 4. Framingham , 150 Worcester Rd Unit 1 | 508-879-2916 |
| 5. Littleton , 222 Great Road Units 9 & 10 | 978-952-2628 |
| 6. Lakeville , 350 Bedford St Units 1 & 2 | 508-947-4579 |

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| 7. Medway , Medway Commons 67 Main St | 508-533-1118 |
| 8. Waltham , 419-423 Moody St | 781-893-0473 |

- QAM tuners will work with direct connection to cable but user would not be able to receive the Interactive Media Guide or Pay-Per-View
- Verizon's basic is all digital
- Verizon will carry both Rhode Island and Boston channels in HD and SD
- PEG access progress: the deadline for connecting with the studio, Town Hall, and the School Administration building is on schedule and is expected to be complete by the deadline of November 7, 2009. The other buildings will be connected in January 2010.
- local programming is expected to be in the range of channels 20 through 40.
- Jill will provide advance notification to the committee of channel numbers but they are not to be released to the public until finalized.
- Verizon now has a process in place where the Studio Director can call for technical support directly rather than through Jill.
- Jill will memorialize the "Go Live" date

Therese raised the question regarding the Selectmen's meeting where our charter will be discussed – do we need to be there?

The dates for the next meetings are: October 20, 2009, November 17, 2009, and December 15, 2009.

Motion to adjourn approved 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 7 PM.