

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 30, 2021 MEETING OF THE CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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After notice duly given, the Cable Advisory Committee met via Zoom on August 30, 2021. Those present were" Steven Wolman, Norman Michaels, Donald Holland, Fred Rosenberg, representing LCTV Tracey Durant and representing Comcast Eileen Leahy. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Chair, Steven Wolman, who presided throughout. Each member was asked to respond "here" when their name was called and each did so.

The Chair read the Town Manager's Script for Zoom meetings.

Secretary's Report

The Minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting was approved on a motion by Donald Holland and seconded by Fred Rosenberg. All members voted "yes".

Old Business

Eileen Leahy stated that the Franchise is still being negotiated. There are language issues to be agreed upon. The Chair stated that the current franchise has been extended for 90 days and expires on September 30.

New Business

As to data usage, Eileen does not have information regarding how much data is used for each device. The data cap is still on hold. Fred asked if Comcast has a tool that can measure data. Fred wanted to know about data usage for Zoom, Roku movie streaming, and You Tube. Eileen said that she will look into it. She stated that the Ring doorbell uses data and that many apps use data and that people may not shut them off so that there may not be a good answer to that question.

The Chair called for election of officers for the coming year. The Chair stated that he will not run for re-election for Chair or any other office. Donald Holland stated that he will not run for any office. Norman Michaels stated that he will not run for any office. Fred Rosenberg said that he will run for Secretary. The Chair made a motion nominating Fred Rosenberg for Secretary. Donald Holland seconded the motion. Each member voted "yes". The Chair stated that he will notify Lyn Simmons that there is no new Chair or Vice-Chair. The Chair asked Eileen if in Longmeadow are there any takers of the FCC \$50 credit for internet service and Eileen stated that she is not given that information so she does not know.

Comments From Visitors

There was one visitor, Benjamin Tansky who had questions and comments. Ben uses hardware, Ubiquity Dream Machine Pro, to track data usage on every individual device in his house. He stated that Comcast tallies all data up and down and give an aggregate only. He stated that Comcast doesn't care whether it is up load or down load. Ben is an I.T. person and works from home which is why he has this equipment and why he tracks his data usage. He believes, based on his family's data usage, that a family of four streaming movies will go through the 1.2 terabits of monthly data fast. He stated that Comcast is part of a peering exchange connecting

directly to the internet streamers. Comcast caches the data at its data center. This allows the consumer to have a better experience and at the same time lowers its overhead. Ben was concerned that the costs from Comcast keep going up but there are no capital improvements in Comcast's infrastructure in the Town. His complaint is that the last mile to the house is the same coax that is twenty to thirty years old. The head end infrastructure is upgraded to handle the increased traffic.

Date For Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on November 8, 2021 at 7 PM. It will be a Zoom meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Norm Michaels to adjourn, seconded by Don Holland. All members voted "yes". The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Wolman, Chair