

# CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES APRIL 22, 2008

After notice duly given and posted, the Longmeadow Cable Television Advisory Committee met in open session on April 22, 2008 in the School Committee Meeting Room at Longmeadow High School, 95 Grassy Gutter Rd., Longmeadow, MA. Those in attendance were, the Chair-Steven Wolman, Vice-Chair- Norman Michaels, William Monks, and William McGurk. Alternate Donald Holland. Representing Comcast-Stephen Fitzgibbons. At the invitation of the Chair, David Bartlett-Station Manager of LCTV.

The Meeting was called to order at 7 PM. In the absence of a Secretary, the Chair took the minutes.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as previously distributed.

Mr. Fitzgibbons explained that in the Section 621 order, franchise fees, consultant fees, and PEG fees not related to construction costs could be included in the 5% PEG fee. When asked about the QAM channels, Mr. Fitzgibbons explained that they are there as raw channels. There is no published line-up. They are mostly broadcast channels but not intentionally provided by Comcast to the public.

The rate hearing scheduled for June 25 in Boston is to confirm the rate changes made earlier this year and to correct any errors.

Repairs and maintenance to the I-Net have been made. The problems at Glenbrook have been resolved. A signal amplifier had been installed and when other repairs had been made the amplifier had been removed. Redundant high speed internet has been added to Glenbrook and Center schools. Cost for the new I-Net will be on the Town Warrant to be voted on at the Town Meeting.

Mr. McGurk asked about further attrition of analog channels from the standard package with no decrease in cost. Mr. Fitzgibbons stated that removal of one analog channel creates room for five digital channels. Additionally, the cost for the entry level digital package, including one converter box, is the same as the cost for the analog standard package. However additional converter boxes have additional costs. Mr. McGurk again stated that elderly people don't want converter boxes.

There were no visitors, therefore there are no comments from visitors.

The next meeting will be held on **JULY 23, 2008** in the School Committee meeting room at Longmeadow High School, if available. Otherwise, in the studio of LCTV.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,