

# CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEGOTIATING SUBCOMMITTEE

## MINUTES JULY 27,2010

After notice duly given, the Cable Advisory Committee Negotiating Subcommittee met in open session on July 27, 2010 at in the studio of LCTV at Longmeadow High School, 95 Grassy Gutter Rd., Longmeadow, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7PM by the subcommittee chair, Steven Wolman. Those present were, Steven Wolman, David Bartlett representing LCTV and Stephen Fitzgibbons representing Comcast. William Monks, subcommittee member, was absent due to illness. The chair accepted his previously distributed minutes.

Steven Wolman asked Mr. Fitzgibbons about the Interactive Program Guide. Mr. Fitzgibbons stated that his technician said that Comcast's equipment is not capable of making unique guides for each town, which is why the current guide only shows generic listing of public access channel etc. Mr. Fitzgibbons stated VOD is more likely to be available for government meetings and PEG programming, but that only a test is in the planning. The Chair asked that LCTV be that test area. The Chair asked about HD channels for the next contract. Mr. Fitzgibbons stated that bandwidth is very tight and that many programmers want HD channels and they are not getting thme yet due to this. The Chair replied that in 2012 all analog channels on the system will be removed, opening up several channels and that LCTV wants one of them. He further stated that the equipment list is based upon that assumption. Mr. Fitzgibbons stated that some town put the HD channel on the web. The Chair stated that eventually all channels will be HD and that it will be sooner rather than late and that LCTV wants it sooner. Mr. Fitzgibbons wanted to know just how much funding LCTV really wants. The Chair replied that Longmeadow will not negotiate with itself, that Comcast must make a realistic offer. Mr. Fitzgibbons stated that he will get back to us on the HD and the funding.

Mr. Fitzgibbons started a discussion of the IRS form 990. He stated that LCTV had a lot of money. The Chair stated that all of this money is for the build out of the new studio in the new High School. He then gave Mr. Fitzgibbons a compy of the email sent to David Bartlett from Ludlow which showed what they paid for their new studio. The Chair stated that LCTV may have to borrow money to pay for the build out. There was no further discussion from Mr. Fitzgibbons regarding the form 990.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 19, 2010 at 10AM in the studio of LCTV at Longmeadow High School.

The meeting adjourned at 8PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steven A. Wolman, Chair

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