

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES - OCTOBER 17, 2007

After notice duly given, the Longmeadow Cable Television Advisory Committee met in open session in room 5 at Longmeadow High School, 95 Grassy Gutter Rd., Longmeadow. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Those in attendance were the Chair-Steven Wolman, Vice Chair-Norman Michaels, William McGurk, E. Holland Low, Associate members Ann Cowen and Donald Holland, and at the invitation of the Chair, David Bartlett, Station Manager of LCTV. Due to a scheduling conflict, Stephen Fitzgibbons of Comcast was not present but e-mailed answers to questions previously asked of him. In the absence of a Secretary, the Chair took the minutes.

1. Call to order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:07PM

2. Secretary's Report

- a. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as distributed by e-mail

3. Old Business

- a. Channel 59. There are no plans by Comcast to add Channel 59
- b. Section 621 Order. Mr. Fitzgibbons has no information regarding ant timetable for adoption by the FCC
- c. Docsis 3.0 There have been no updates on the Docsis 3.0 trial
- d. DTV transition. The final date for DTV transmission is 2/19/09. After that date analog transmission ceases Mr. Fitzgibbons did not address how this will affect downconversion of the channels on the basic broadcast tier or the Standard Package. Currently no set top box is required for these tiers and the question is will this be affected by the cecession of over the air transmission of analog channels on 2/19/09?
- e. Surround Sound Issue. Mr. Fitzgibbons asked for additional details of this problem with the Motorola set top boxes as the head-end technicians cannot duplicate the problem. Do we have a phone number of the person who has the problem?

4. New Business

- a. New Associate Member of the committee, Ann Cowen and Donald Holland were introduced.
- b. Comcast reports that two new HD channels have been added to the line-up, TBS HD channel 831 and CNN HD channel 842. There are other HD channels under consideration to be added by the end of the year. They will be announced shortly.
- c. Fox Business Network. This channel is under consideration to be added by the end of the year
- d. Tivo. The Comcast Tivo set top box trial have begun in New England. Mr. Fitzgibbons did not indicate whether this included Longmeadow. The chair introduced new items regard two new Tivo DVR recorders, the Series 3 HD box at a cost of \$600 and the Tivo HD box which costs \$300. Both require subscriptions. Both have two cable card slots for recording two different programs at the same time.
- e. Customer Service. Ann Cowen brought up the issue of poor customer service at the office of Comcast. She indicated that the people don't seem to work too hard.
- f. Assessment for Historic Purposes. Bill McGurk brought up this assessment which is collected by the Town but there are few requests for grants. He suggested that LCTV ask for grant money from this fund. Mr. Bartlett said that he would follow up on this.
- g. Elections. Al officers were re-elected.

5. Comments from Visitors

- a. There were no visitors

6. Date for next meeting

a. The date for the next meeting is **TUESDAY JANUARY 29, 2008 at 7 PM.**

7. Adjournment

a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

Steven A. Wolman, Chair