

MINUTES OF THE NOV. 5, 2008 MEETING OF THE
LONGMEADOW
CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

After notice duly give, the Longmeadow Cable Television Advisory Committee met in open session on November 5, 2008 in the School Committee Meeting Room at Longmeadow High School, 95 Grassy Gutter Rd., Longmeadow, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by the Chair, Steven Wolman, who presided through out. Those in attendance were: Steven Wolman, William Monks, William McGurk, and E. Holland Low. At the invitation of the Chair, David Bartlett, Station Manager of LCTV, attended as did Stephen Fitzgibbons, representing Comcast.

Secretary's Report:

The Minutes were accepted as previously distributed.

Old Business:

Comcast will not give more than one free set top digital box. However, in the first quarter of 2009, Comcast will give one free set top box and up to two digital to analog converters at no additional cost to new subscribers to Digital Economy. These converters have not as yet been rolled out. Comcast may be able to remove the CN8 program guide from channel 9. Mr. Fitzgibbons will lokk into this.

New Business:

The Town has received a letter from Comcast reserving its right to the Formal Process in franchise renegotiations. This opens the Ascertainment part of the renogiation process. Comcast will be doing its own survey. Comcast will provide the boiler plate language for advertising the Public Hearing. After we have an "agreement in principle" Comcast will then send the Town its proposal for a new franchise. This begins a 120 day window to complete the negotiating process. CAC will create its timeline for thr nrgotiating oprocess and will send it to Mr. Fitzgibbons for his input of Comcast requirements and from that a complete timeline will be created. A negotiating Sub-Committee consisting of Bill Monks and Steve Wolman was appointed by the Chair.

Comcast has no set schedule to terminate analog services. It has begun the process in Oregon and provides Digital to Analog converters for subscribers needing them.

The cable industry and Panasonic has created "Tru 2 Way" television sets which havd two way converters built into them This allows pay per view and "On Demand" capability without a separate set top box. The next generation of these televisions will have DVR capability.

Bill McGurk want to know the details of the senior discount. He was told that it comes out to \$2.00 per month.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Committee will be on **January 27, 2009 at 7PM** in the School Committee Meeting Room, if available, otherwise in the LCTV studio. The Committee is advised that LCTV will meet additionally on April 14 and July 14. The Chair expects to have CAC meetings on the same dates.

Comments from Visitors:

There were no visitor comments.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven A. Wolman, Chair