

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2021 MEETING

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After notice duly given, the Cable Advisory Committee met via Zoom on February 8, 2021. Those present were Steven Wolman, Norman Michaels, Don Holland, Paul Gorman, Fred Rosenberg and Associate Members Kathy Mullens and Graham Jesmer. Representing LCTV was Executive Director Tracey Durant. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by the Chair who presided throughout. Each member was asked to respond "Here" when their name was called and each did so.

The Chair read the script provided by the Town Manager.

Secretary's Report

The Chair had previously distributed the Minutes of the August 10, 2020 meeting. Fred Rosenberg made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Paul Gorman. All voted Yes

Old Business

The Chair announce that the Section 621 ruling is not being enforced yet. The reason being that there is an appeal to the ruling in the Federal Court in Oregon. Once that appeal is decided, if granted then the ruling goes back to the FCC for reconsideration. If it is denied, then there will be an appeal to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in D.C, which is more liberal. If Comcast wins the case in Oregon and starts charging for in kind services and then loses in D.C. then Comcast will have to refund all those fees to every municipality and this takes time and money.

New Business

Eileen Leahy is not in attendance. There was to be a discussion of the internet limitation to 1.2 terabytes. The Chair wanted some sort of a breakdown of usage for a 4k movie, or a 2 hour Zoom meeting or just web surfing. Paul Gorman wanted to know how this would affect those under contract where they have unlimited data. Kids using the internet for school on a daily basis will reach the data cap very easily. Fred Rosenberg stated that he is attempting to check what each computer in his house is using and cannot do this and was looking for help. The Chair suggested that he ask his friends at channel 22. Norm Michaels stated that he pays his xfinity bill on line and gets an email that he is delinquent in his payment when he has already paid it. He wanted to know how many other subscribers had this problem. Fred Rosenberg wanted to know if using autopay makes a difference.

Comments From Visitors

There are no visitors

New Associate Member Introduction

Graham Jesmer has been a resident of Longmeadow for 1 and 1/2 years. He came from NY where he worked for the Dept. of Public Service. His portfolio was telecommunications. He is an attorney.

Date For Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on May 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM. If Eileen can't make that date, then May 10, 2021. It will be a Zoom meeting unless we are allowed to meet in person.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Steven Wolman, Chair