

Cable and Internet Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
Friday, July 26, 2024 1:00 pm

### **Members Present**

Mary Abt, Chris Roberts, Steve Corcoran (on phone),  
Guests: Stephanie Rein (BOS Liaison), Michael Forgione, Brian Boyle

### **Call to Order: 1:00 PM**

- New Business
  - Discussion - Cable and Internet Advisory Committee BOS Charge
    - Michael F. - CAIC History. Discussed the Strand Map created and Comcast unserved areas. Discussed unserved areas. National Seashore. Continual historic question, Who owns the poles?
    - Currently, although Mike F. Has not officially joined the CAIC his interest lies in creating Pods to connect town meetings in different areas.
    - David Wennerberg would be is the School Media Specialist.

### **Old Business**

Updated Stephanie Rein on the previous meeting discussions. She discussed her issues with Comcast with internet and connectivity. Her family as opted to use a Starlink and Comcast to the extent she is able. And the monthly costs of Star link and Comcast keep going up

Chris Roberts - issue of concern is the safety of tourists and residents at the Beaches of Truro and connectivity. could be considered Beach Safety  
One approach with Comcast is to ask the corporation if there is there a low cost way to get connection to the beaches. Would Comcast be willing to put devices at the beaches to secure connection for emergencies.

Stephanie Rein pointed out that there are call boxes at the beaches.

Mike F: sees it as two major issues:

1. How do we get a hard wire to the beaches? Connect to Comcast and Open cape. So who does the town connect too, Town would like a connection through open Cape. Comcast is not connected.
- 2.) Then how to get the router connected that are needed to provide and send signal.

Why can't we get connection at the beach. Cellular signal. Need a new tower for cellular signals.

Tower issues there are towers everywhere. Truro has no Cell Tower.

If the town expressed what they are going to do with 250,000 for infrastructure

Michael F. Wellfleet question....How do they do it. Truro should have a discussion with Wellfleet.

Did Comcast ever establish those lines they proposed? Mike will send an email with a map.

Action 2 items Stephanie

1. Get CAIC Charge on the Agenda. - Steph
2. Stephanie will do a deeper Dive into the \$\$ what to do.

Steve is back at Labor Day into September.

Brian Boyle - beboyle@gmail.com

Adjourned 2:04 PM

Next proposed Meeting FR 8/23/2024 @ 1PM

## CABLE AND INTERNET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The broad objective of the Cable and Internet Advisory committee is to advise the Board of Selectmen on cable television, Internet, and other communications media that affect the town. This will include, but not be limited to, the following:

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Oversee licensing with providers of cable television and/or broadband Internet.

a.

In cooperation with the Town Administrator, represent the town in license negotiations. It shall be the committee's responsibility to prepare for the renewal of an existing license or entering a license with new providers by holding public hearings, survey licensee's subscribers, and ascertain existing provider(s) compliance with the current contract.

b.

Represent the town in any consortium of towns that may join together for the purpose of executing a joint license with a new provider or a renewal process with an existing provider.

c.

Make a recommendation to the Selectmen about the renewal of an existing license or entering into a new license with additional television/broadband providers.

d.

Monitor the licensees' compliance with the terms of the license and

make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen if enforcement action should be contemplated or recommended.

e.

Provide liaison between the town and the licensees as necessary to carry out the provisions of this Charge.

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Oversee efforts to extend broadband Internet to all residents and businesses in town.

a.

Maintain as accurate a record as possible of areas not served by broadband Internet.

b.

Keep aware of new technologies that might secure broadband for the whole town.

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Development of implementation plans to bring Cell and Data services to underserved areas with a priority focus on those areas where the lack of service is detrimental to public safety and town services

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Advise the Selectmen concerning Public and Educational Access cable Channels

a.

Coordinate with the town's representation on the board Lower Cape Community Access Television (LCCAT) or any successor organization that provides Public Access under a contract with a cable provider.

b.

Review reports from Public and Educational Access providers and report findings to the Selectmen

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Design and implement effective policies and oversight structures for the Government Access channel (TruroTV) subject to the Board of Selectmen's approval

The Committee is required to make an annual report to the Board of Selectmen. The Committee will consist of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen with three-year staggered terms. The Committee shall elect a chair from among its members. The Town Administrator shall be an advisory member and may assign appropriate town employees as advisory members.