

FIVE TOWN CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Representing the Towns of Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox, Sheffield and Stockbridge

Minutes  
June 10, 2014  
6:30pm  
Lenox Town Hall  
Lenox, MA

Members Present: Steven Moritz, Chair, Lee  
Linda Miller –Lenox  
Tom Hatch – Great Barrington  
John Londoner – Sheffield  
David Parker - Lee

Others Present: Melinda Poore – Time Warner Cable  
John Fogarty – Time Warner Cable  
Leo Mahoney – CTSB  
Denise Curtin – Recording Secretary

6:30pm Chairman Moritz called the meeting to order.

QUORUM: 4 towns present constitute a quorum and 4 of the 5 towns are here.

MINUTES: Linda Miller moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the April 1, 2014 meeting and to accept the minutes as submitted with no changes. Seconded by Tom Hatch and Steve Moritz. The motion carried unanimously.

TIME WARNER REPORT:

Melinda Poore was present to give the report.

Fiber Optic for CTSB

- Shelley Winchenbach will work with Leo Mahoney at CTSB to schedule final installation.

Channel Issue

- Linda Miller contacted Time Warner to say that channels 16, 17 and 18 went black on the digital tv. Melinda indicated that they tried to find out why but they do not have an answer as to what happened at this time.
- It was requested that a mailing, or message on customer bills be sent out explaining about the community access channels.

Technical Issue/Great Barrington

- Time Warner has gone above and beyond for this customer. They have offered a free installation of a new adapter. They are waiting to hear back from the customer.

#### Truck for CTSB –

- Time Warner has indicated that they still have not been successful in locating a vehicle that is road worthy but will continue to search.

#### Customer compliments –

- Time Warner received 2 customer compliments; one from Stockbridge and one from Sheffield.
- Linda Miller also told Melinda that the technician that came to her home to check on the black out problem was a very polite and pleasant young man and was very helpful.

#### Program Guide charges –

- Now is itemized on customer bills.
- It is an additional charge each month if the customer has multiple boxes.
- Some committee members find the guide not very user friendly.

#### **CTSB REPORT –**

Leo Mahoney was present to deliver the report.

- New CTSB building
  - Moved in on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - June 16<sup>th</sup> will be the cut over date to the new building and the handover to Time Warner is expected to go very smoothly.
  - June 25<sup>th</sup> will be the closing date at 925 Pleasant Street.
  - July 7<sup>th</sup> will resume live meeting coverage. All boards were notified that coverage has been suspended while the move is taking place.
  - July 14<sup>th</sup> production studio will be open for shows. Porchlight & Walkabout already scheduled.
  - July 21<sup>st</sup> training room will be open for 1<sup>st</sup> class.
  - Leo thanked Time Warner for the attention to their needs. They have been very helpful in making this a smooth transition.
- New officers are:
  - Bill Ryan – President
  - Al Saldarini – Vice-President
  - Paul Gibbons – Secretary
  - Gary Allen – Treasurer
- CTSB has invited the CAC to have their next scheduled meeting in September at their new facility. Steve Moritz said that would be great and he will cancel the request for the town hall in Lee for that evening.
- CTSB Membership
  - Cable subscribers \$20.00.
  - Non-cable subscribers \$25.00
  - Students Free
- CTSB is always looking for volunteers.

#### **OLD BUSINESS –**

- No old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

- Comcast/Time Warner Acquisition
  - Public hearing was held prior to this meeting with attendees from both companies.

- Motion made by Linda Miller:
  - We recommend to each member town that they consent to the Comcast acquisition of Time Warner based on the information that we acquired this evening.
  - David Parker and John Londoner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
  
- Motion made by David Parker
  - We recommend the towns file with the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Cable the document titled “Consent to Transfer of Control” accompanied by \$100.00 application fee no later than August 1, 2014.
  - Linda Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
  
- Linda Miller made an appeal to anyone who might be interested in serving on this committee. There are vacancies on the committee for all 5 towns. If you are interested you can go to your Town Hall to get appointed and sworn in.

Next meeting of the Five Town Cable Advisory Committee will be held Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 6:30pm at the new CTSB Offices in Lee, MA.

Motion made by Linda Miller to adjourn. Motion seconded by John Londoner and motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Curtin  
Recording Secretary