

Hingham Cable Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2017

Call to order

David Jones called to order the regular meeting of the **Hingham CAC** at **7:35 pm** **January 18, 2017** in **Hingham Town Hall**.

Roll call

Eric Connerly conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Sandra Peavey (by telephone), John Rice, David Jones, Chris Baron, Glenda Garland, and Schuyler Thaxter. Also present: Laura Burns HCAM Board member, Fil Fillppides, HCAM employee, and Bill Solomon, counsel to the Committee

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve

Open issues

1. Mr. Fillppides discussed various actions HCAM initiated to replace his predecessor.
2. Mr. Fillppides, including various compression methods to deliver higher picture quality on the education and government channels .
3. Ms. Burns discussed HCAM's board's efforts to find a replacement for the previous executive director of HCAM, citing a likely timeframe of six months.
4. Mr. Rice outlined Comcast's noncommittal response to the town's request for a high definition channel to elevate the quality the town's programming to the other commercial channels carried by Comcast per the terms of the 2008 franchise agreement. The Committee agreed to escalate its request and press for a solution in keeping with the terms of the 2008 contract.
5. The committee discussed the upcoming January 24 meeting with Verizon pursuant to the renewal of Verizon's cable franchise with Hingham's Board of Selectmen.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for January 25th at Hingham Town Hall at 7:30 pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Eric Connerly