



Minutes

Cable and Internet Advisory Committee (CIAC)

Thursday, April 14, 2022

1:00 pm

Go to Meeting – Virtual Meeting

Attending: Franklin Haskell, Mary Abt, Chris Roberts, Priscilla Cornell, Christopher Bellonci

ABS: Steve Corcoran

1. Call to Order 1:05pm
2. Approve minutes of January 2022 (moved and unanimously accepted)
3. **Action Items from January**

Actions 1-& 2 Franklin has had conversation with Noelle Scoullar

- Historical Strand map has been sent to members of the committee. It seems these maps are up to date with current served and unserved. Long Nook Road had cable installed last summer (2021) and that appears correctly on the map.
- The committee might consider updating the strand map by adding actual homes to see which homes are currently awaiting cable hook up.

- **Question:** Where is Rte 6 labeled on the strand map? It is agreed that Rte 6 is the main conduit for Comcast cable, plus fire roads. Rte 6 is not clearly marked on the strand map.

Action 3 Priscilla – has been in contact with Steve Tupper of the Cape Cod Commission. He is very aware of the comcast cable issue. There have been no new developments to date.

Priscilla has also been in contact with Comcast regarding cable hook up for her home on Ryder Beach Road. She says there are ongoing issues from Eastham to Provincetown with last mile cable hook by Comcast. She has learned that Comcast cables run off utility poles that are owned by Eversource Electric.

If an Eversource electric pole near by the homes to be serviced Comcast has to bury the cable at great cost to the company.

If that has to be on National Seashore property, that is another problem to overcome and the Seashore has not been cooperative when cable needs to be installed in Seashore. Also some electric poles constructed are from the 1950's and are too short to allow sufficient distance from the electrical wire to the comcast cable. There is an agreement from Comcast to bury the cable but there has been no movement.

The Comcast Representative for the Outer Cape is Aaron Kimmell

Action 4 Hot spot at Truro Farmers Market – Nothing to report

Action 5 –were no changes to the CIAC charge from the Select Board but the committee discussed adding cell service to the charge unless there is already a town committee responsible for this.

Action 6 – Chris R - Open Cape strand runs up RTE 6. It is connected to all town buildings including the school. Franklin stated that Open Cape runs down North Pamet Road to National Seashore Youth Hostel.

4. **Broadband** - It has been said that 25% of allocated county monies will be given to towns for infrastructure which can be used for Broadband. The spending formula is still be debated by county government..
5. **LCCAT – (Lower Cape Cable Access Television** Comcast fees are paid to the Town of Truro then disbursed quarterly to LCCAT to run the regional PEG (Public, Education, Government) station for the towns of Brewster, Orleans, Eastham, Wellfleet and Truro. Truro TV the government station is run by the Town of Truro Channel 18. Channel 99 is the public station and channel 22 is the educational station. available through Comcast or streaming on <https://www.lowercapetv.org>
Committee recommends that Mary be reappointed as LCCAT representative.
6. **New Business**
Beaches are lacking cell service. This is a safety issue and of high concern to the CIAC.

Questions that developed from this CIAC meeting for the Town manager:

1. If we develop a survey about internet and cell phone service can we access one of the town's communication vehicles to survey all town residents?
2. Is there an existing town committee that addresses cell phone access and if not, can we expand our charge to explicitly include this?

What other Town services are talking about increasing cell phone reception at town beaches and how can we be added to those discussion

7. Actions:

Mary - Will ask Kelly Clark for CIAC Survey that was developed in the past.

Priscilla - Contact Fire Chief about cell service at beaches

Franklin- will contact Darrin about getting answers to the above questions.

Next Meeting TBD (sometime in mid-June 2022)

Adjourned Motion by Christopher B. at 2:07 PM, Priscilla seconded. unanimously accepted.

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