

## **Wareham Cable Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes**

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Hybrid In-person Town Hall Rm 24 and Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

### **I. Call to Order/Roll Call**

- a. Matt Underhill                      present
- b. Dan Butler                              present remotely
- c. Dave Rogers                          absent

A quorum was established.

### **II. Public Participation**

- a. Representatives of WCTV (Christian and John) were present. There were no other members of the public present.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Members reviewed draft minutes of the April 1, 2022, and April 7, 2022, CAC meetings.
- b. Members reviewed and briefly discussed draft Board of Selectmen (BoS) charge to the CAC. Chairman Underhill will query BoS Chairman regarding request for a BoS Liaison to the CAC and seek additional guidance regarding BoS Chairman's verbal charge to the CAC on April 7, 2022, to examine the Town's contract with WCTV.
- c. Acting Executive Director Christian Fernandes, WCTV, advised members that Attorney Solomon had not yet arranged to meet with WCTV leadership to discuss their capital plan.
- d. Mr. Fernandes extended an invitation from the WCTV Board of Directors to CAC members to attend the next WCTV Board of Directors meeting scheduled for 7pm Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Chairman Underhill moved to approve and post the minutes, seconded by Mr. Butler.  
Vote:

- i. Chairman Underhill                      Aye
  - ii. Mr. Butler                                      Aye
- Motion Passed 2-0-0

### **IV. Discussion of Broadband**

- a. Deferred to next meeting.

### **V. Business unknown until the previous 48 hours.**

- a. Channel changes. Chairman Underhill advised that Verizon notified the Town of new channel changes. He was posting to the Town/CAC webpage. Acting Executive

Director Fernandes offered to post channel changes, as well, on WCTV's broadcast bulletin board.

- b. Urban Renewal Planning for Wareham Village. Mr. Butler advised that the consultant drafting Wareham's Urban Renewal Plan (URP) for Wareham Village would be interviewing stakeholders interested in the URP. Mr. Butler provided contact information for a stakeholder, Open Cape CEO, Mr. Steven Johnston, to Wareham's Director of Planning and Community Development, Kenneth Buckland during the Wareham Redevelopment Authority's April 21, 2022 meeting. Mr. Butler pointed out that Open Cape infrastructure runs through Wareham Village; Open Cape has invested in some pilot projects in some towns; and, improved broadband infrastructure in a renewed Wareham Village might be a candidate for a local pilot project in conjunction with the URP. Mr. Butler advised he was informed Open Cape is now providing fiber optic broadband internet access to Tobey Hospital. Chairman Underhill stated he would contact the IT director at Tobey/South Coast Health to find out if they were satisfied with Open Cape.

VI. Adjournment. In summary, it was agreed the following action would be taken before the next CAC meeting:

- a. Chairman Underhill will query BoS Chairman regarding request for a BoS Liaison to the CAC and seek additional guidance regarding BoS Chairman's verbal charge to the CAC on April 7, 2022, to examine the Town's contract with WCTV.
- b. Chairman Underhill will contact the IT director at Tobey Hospital to ascertain Tobey Hospital's satisfaction with Open Cape.
- c. Mr. Butler will forward approved meeting minutes to the Town Clerk for posting.
- d. Mr. Butler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Underhill. Vote:

i. Chairman Underhill	Aye
ii. Mr. Butler	Aye
Motion Passed 2-0-0	Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm