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Don Johnson

From: Frits Riep
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2005 6:46 PM
To: Don Johnson
Cc: Cable Advisory Committee; Board of Selectmen; William Solomon; Mark Hald
Subject: RE: Cable Franchise Documents

Don,

I agree that we should not have Verizon at the same meeting with Comcast as we will have too many issues to deal with at one meeting and it is not fair to either company.

I would like to propose that the Cable Advisory Committee meet with Verizon at our next meeting (August 11th at 7:30pm). That way we can get Verizon's perspective and plans, and provide a recommendation to the Selectmen in time for their meeting with Verizon on Aug. 29th.

I would like to request Bill Solomon attend the CAC meeting on Aug. 11th to assist the committee, and help the Committee ask the appropriate questions of Verizon.

In your communication with Verizon, would you request that they present to the Cable Advisory Committee at the August 11th meeting in addition to the Aug. 29th BOS meeting?

Thanks,

Frits Riep

Chair, Acton Cable Advisory Committee
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-----Original Message-----

From: Don Johnson [mailto:djohnson@acton-ma.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2005 4:09 PM
To: Frits Riep
Cc: Cable Advisory Committee; Board of Selectmen; William Solomon; Mark Hald
Subject: FW: Cable Franchise Documents

Frits:

My secretary indicated that you called to get the name of the Verizon contact. The person who called me was Carol Baribeau, the author of the attached letter. Before you contact her, though, you should know that I spoke with Bill Solomon this afternoon and Bill does not think we should have Verizon at the August 8 meeting when we are having the Comcast Hearing. His suggestion is that we wait until the Selectmen's August 29 meeting and have Verizon come to that meeting to make their pitch. In the meantime, you folks and Bill can meet with Verizon and begin some preliminary negotiations.

I will be communicating with Ms. Baribeau to schedule her for the August 29 meeting. I have asked Bill to attend that meeting and will advise all of you of the time, when it is scheduled.

Regards,
Don

-----Original Message-----

From: Don Johnson
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2005 10:17 AM
To: William Solomon; Cable Advisory Committee; Mark Hald; Peter Ashton; Board of Selectmen
Subject: FW: Cable Franchise Documents

I was contacted Friday morning by Carol Baribeau of Verizon. Ms. Baribeau explained that Verizon planned to start installing their town-wide fiber installation soon and wanted to talk to the Board of Selectmen about the franchise process to provide Verizon ViOS TV. I asked her to forward the attached materials and explained that we had a Cable Advisory Committee and an IT Department that she should meet and talk with before coming to the Selectmen. I also told her that the Cable Advisory Committee would be meeting with the Selectmen on August 8 and that I would check with you folks to see if Verizon could/should be part of the agenda that night.

Bill Solomon and Cable Advisory Committee: I think the first question is whether Verizon should be in front of the Selectmen before meeting with you folks and/or whether this should be an abbreviated process such as Verizon is promoting or whether it needs some time and consideration.

Peter and Board of Selectmen: Do you want to hear from Verizon before Bill and the Cable Advisory Committee are prepared to make a recommendation? Do you want to shoot for August 8 (when we have both the Cable Committee Oversight Meeting and the Comcast Performance Hearing) or would you prefer to have them in at a separate meeting?

Regards,
Don

-----Original Message-----

From: carol.l.baribeau@verizon.com [mailto:carol.l.baribeau@verizon.com]

Sent: Friday, July 22, 2005 10:33 AM

To: Don Johnson

Subject: Cable Franchise Documents

Mr. Johnson

Thank you for speaking with me today and I look forward to meeting with you to discuss Verizon's plans to bring high speed internet and Verizon ViOS TV to the Town of Acton. attached are the documents I spoke about if you have any question please feel free to call me or e-mail me. again I look forward to meeting you.

(See attached file: Cable Intro Letter to ActonLFAs.DOC) (See attached file: WRFMAIN-12300018-v1-Initiation Letter from the Town Acton.DOC) (See attached file: WRFMAIN-12300017-v1-Waiver Letter from the Town of Acton MA.DOC) (See attached file: MASS General Franchising Process Handout.DOC)

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Don Johnson

From: carol.l.baribeau@verizon.com
Sent: Saturday, July 30, 2005 2:29 PM
To: Don Johnson
Subject: Re: Cable Franchise Documents

Don
The 8th at 9 is fine with us. I will need to check on the 11th Monday. I will let you know then.
Thanks for all you help in getting everything rolling. I look forward to working with you

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----
From: "Don Johnson" [djohnson@acton-ma.gov]
Sent: 07/29/2005 05:40 PM
To: Carol Baribeau/EMPL/MA/Verizon@VZNotes
Subject: RE: Cable Franchise Documents

Carol:

I have started the ball rolling here with respect to your requests:

1. The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen has asked that I schedule you for the Selectmen's August 29 meeting, rather than the 8th as I had previously suggested to you. The Board already has a busy agenda that night but, if you are available, we could schedule you to meet with the Board at 9:00 PM. Could you make that time and date?
2. The Chairman of our Cable Advisory Committee has asked me to invite you to make a presentation at their meeting on August 11. Would you be available? If so, I will put you in touch with him to schedule a time.

Regards,
Don

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Don Johnson

From: carol.l.baribeau@verizon.com
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2005 8:54 AM
To: Don Johnson
Subject: Re: Cable Franchise Documents

I plan on meeting with the Cable Com on the 11th. The 29(h at 9 works fine. Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Don Johnson" [djohnson@acton-ma.gov]
Sent: 08/04/2005 08:36 PM
To: Carol Baribeau/EMPL/MA/Verizon@VZNotes
Subject: RE: Cable Franchise Documents

Carol:

The 29th at 9:00 PM, if you are available. (When we originally spoke I had indicated that I might be able to get you in on the 8th but that did not work out.)

Also, are you able to meet with the Cable Advisory Committee on the 11th?

Regards,
Don Johnson

-----Original Message-----

From: carol.l.baribeau@verizon.com [mailto:carol.l.baribeau@verizon.com]

Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2005 10:05 AM
To: Don Johnson
Subject: RE: Cable Franchise Documents

Don

I may have misunderstood your note are we scheduled for the 29th at 9 or the 8th at 9?

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