



TOWN OF PRINCETON

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Call for Cable (TV) Advisory Committee members

The Princeton Board of Selectmen, as Issuing Authority in the CATV franchise licensing process, calls for volunteers to serve on the initial Cable Advisory Committee (CAC).

This will be a working committee of shorter duration, with the tasks noted in the Division of Telecommunications and Cable's "Guide to Cable Television Licensing", which is available on the town's web site. The Guide's section on the CAC is noted below.

Experience in contract negotiation or analysis or municipal and legal matters are desired, but will not restrict consideration of any volunteer.

Please email (or send or drop off a letter for) Town Administrator Nina Nazarian at townadministrator@town.princeton.ma.us to express your interest and qualifications, no later than September 29, 2016. No phone calls, please.

The BOS targets its October 3, 2016 meeting to appoint this 5 to 7 member committee.

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ("CAC")

Many Issuing Authorities find it helpful to appoint a committee to assist in gathering information about cable television and in preparing the Issuing Authority Report. The size and make-up of the cable advisory committee ("CAC") is determined by the Issuing Authority, and its members may include both residents and non-residents of the community. CACs are considered "governmental bodies" within the purview of the Massachusetts Conflict of Interest law, at General Laws chapter 268, and are subject to these guidelines.

The Issuing Authority, in appointing a CAC, should define the committee's role and duties. Only the Issuing Authority, by statute, may make the final licensing decision. However, this does not preclude the Issuing Authority from relying on the CAC's recommendations. The CAC is usually asked to do such things as: inform and educate the public about cable; solicit ideas regarding possible services to be derived from the cable system; assist in preparing the Issuing Authority Report; and assist in the analysis of applicants.