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Cable Advisory Minutes 06/28/2006

Selectmen's Cable Television Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting of June 28, 2006

Meeting began at 7:30pm in the Selectmen's Chambers, 2nd floor, Town Hall
Members present- Phil McCarthy, Paul Berg and Mike Quinn
Also present- John Maher, Bill Solomon, Kathy Colwell and Paul West

The draft minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2006 were VOTED (2-0-1) approved on motion of Mr. Berg seconded by Mr. Quinn.

Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Solomon briefed the committee on the status of the negotiating team's efforts to achieve an agreement with Comcast. Highlights were 5% of gross cable television revenue with gross revenue to be broadly defined. \$ 400,000.00 in capital funding with 100K to be paid up front and \$ 33,333.00 to be paid per year over the remaining nine years of license term. \$ 56,000.00 to be paid up front for I-Net related purposes. A 3rd PEG channel within one year. All current Comcast PEG equipment to be ceded to town for \$ 1.00. No subtraction of Comcast's FCC fees from the 5%, a sum totaling about \$ 96,000.00 over the 10 year renewal term. Service to all residences in town. An acceptable level playing field clause. And indemnification language to protect the Town.

On motion of Mr. Berg, seconded by Mr. Quinn it was VOTED (3-0) that the committee recommend to the BoS that they issue Comcast a 10 year renewal license on the terms negotiated by the town's negotiating team and agreed to by Comcast,

Mr. McCarthy then walked the committee through the latest negotiated terms of the agreement with ACMI to operate PEG programming in town. On motion of Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Berg it was VOTED (3-0) that the committee recommend to the BoS that they enter into the contract with ACMI on the terms as negotiated by the representatives of ACMI and the Town.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m