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Cable Advisory Minutes 04/13/05

Selectmen's Cable Television Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting of April 13, 2005

Meeting began @ 7:50pm in the Auditorium, Town Hall Members present- Phil McCarthy, Paul Berg, Jim Walsh Also Present- John Maher, Bill Solomon, Dan O'Connol and Glenn Koenig

Mr. McCarthy opened the meeting and explained the move from the Chambers to the auditorium due to Selectman Greeley's having need of the Chambers. The draft minutes of the meeting of March 30, 2005 were VOTED (3-0) approved on motion of Mr. Berg, seconded by Mr. Walsh.

Mr. McCarthy introduced attorney Bill Solomon who spoke very briefly about the process and the committee then moved into a discussion of items they wished to include in the RFP based upon their needs assessment study, public hearing and on going committee work. The items discussed included but were not limited to operating income and capital support for PEG access, turnover of studio and equipment, upgrade to 2 pair fiber optic institutional network, access channels and storage capacity for web hosting and on demand services, channel relocation funding, license fees, ed tech grant (150K), free cable and internet to municipal/school buildings, an emergency alert system, and provisions for roadway repairs, accommodating building moves, indemnification, control of subscriber sets, plan for identifying and correcting ungrounded drops, senior discounts and strand map availability.

The committee then discussed a 1st draft proposed budget prepared by ACMI. It was agreed that ACMI would obtain some assistance through Bill Solomon in getting a better handle on a more accurate budget and resubmit it for review.

The next meeting was set at the call of the chair. The meeting was adjourned @ 9:30pm.