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Cable Advisory Minutes 05/17/05

Selectmen's Cable Television Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting of May 17, 2005

Meeting began at 6:40pm in the Hearing Room, Town Hall.

Members present – Phil McCarthy, Bob Chebator, Jim Walsh and Paul Berg

Also present - Bill Solomon, Glenn Koenig, Kathy Colwell, John Leone, Steve Mazolla, Julie Kuhn, Nancy Roberts, John Maher

The draft minutes as amended of the meeting of May 9, 2005 were VOTED (3-0 with 1 abstention) approved on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Chebator.

Mr. McCarthy reported that Bill Solomon would be a little late and that he would be bringing with him final copies in large book form of the proposed RFP to Comcast.

The committee took up other business while awaiting Mr. Solomon. Due to Mike Quinn having scheduling conflicts with ITAC meeting dates it was agreed that Jim Walsh would serve as SCAC designee to ITAC with Bob Chebator agreeing to cover as an alternate when Jim cannot make it. Mr. McCarthy stated that he would so notify ITAC chair, TM Brian Sullivan, Town Clerk and Selectman LaCourt.

The committee also discussed a letter from CAC regarding the possible purchase of video projection equipment with an upper limit of \$10,000.00. Ms. Colwell outlined how the request came to them from an inquiry from the Friends of Robbins Farm and how CAC felt that the equipment would have many town and community uses. It was agreed that purchase of any capital equipment would be deferred so that ACMI could wrap any such equipment into their capital equipment budget.

Mr. Solomon arrived and the committee reviewed the proposed RFP. Mr. McCarthy suggested several amendments which Mr. Solomon agreed would be included. A request for free internet access was omitted on advice of Mr. Solomon with the understanding that it could be broached during informal negotiating sessions with Comcast. After a walk through the proposal conducted by Mr. Solomon it was VOTED (4-0) on motion of Mr. Berg, seconded by Mr. Walsh to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that they release the RFP for the Comcast renewal license as amended and prepared by Mr. Solomon. The committee would make its recommendations on the RFP and ACMI designation to the BoS at a special meeting of the board on Thursday, May 19, 2005 at 8:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 9:40pm