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## **Cable Advisory Minutes 10/13/2005**

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

Meeting began @ 7:15pm in the Hearing Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Town Hall.

Members present-Phil McCarthy, Paul Berg, Jim Walsh and Mike Quinn

Also present- John Maher, Bill Solomon, Glenn Koenig, Kathy Colwell, Steve Galeotalanza and Paul West,

The draft minutes of the meeting of July 19, 2005 were VOTED (4-0) approved on motion of Mr. Berg, seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

The negotiating team of Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Berg, Mr. Maher and Mr. Solomon briefed the committee on the status of the informal negotiations with Comcast and advised that informal negotiations have failed to achieve an agreement.

The committee was reminded that the BOS would hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 2005 @ 7pm in the Town Hall Auditorium and take a position on the renewal and as informal negotiations have failed the only issue before the Selectmen would be Comcast's formal proposal of June 27, 2005.

Counsel, Bill Solomon ran through a list of all the shortcomings in Comcast's formal proposal and pointed out how it totally failed to meet the Town's stated present and future needs and interests taking into account the costs thereof.

After discussion it was VOTED (4-0) on motion of Mr. Berg, seconded by Mr. Quinn that the committee recommend to the Selectmen that they vote a preliminary denial of Comcast's formal proposal for license renewal on the basis that it is not responsive and is not reasonable to meet the future cable-related needs and interests of the Town, taking into account the cost of meeting such needs and interests. In doing so the committee was guided by the very thorough assessment of community needs and interests conducted during the ascertainment period and documented in the report from Chuck Sherwood of TDI and incorporated into the town's RFP to Comcast.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.