

**Cable Advisory Committee  
Minutes of March 3, 2016**

Present for the Cable Committee were: Chairman May Paquette, Vice Chair Hank Noel, Gordon Lutz, David Patenaude, Lenny Proposki, Louis Rousseau and Ted Kosiavelon. Also present was: Samantha Carver the recording secretary. The meeting was held at the Town Hall located at 62 Arlington Street, Dracut, MA.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

William Frangiamore, Business Manager of the Dracut Public Schools was present to discuss the needs of cable at the school department. Mrs. Ann Vandal, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director was also present to discuss the Town's needs.

Mr. Frangiamore asked if the Cable Committee could require Comcast to provide fiber for the schools. He stated currently the School and the Town have applied for a grant with the State for fiber and switches. It is a competitive grant process. The Committee asked if the grant were approved and Comcast agreed to do the fiber what would that part of the grant be worth and could they use the money for other needs. Mr. Frangiamore stated it was \$170,000.

Mrs. Vandal talked about the Comcast connections currently at Town Hall. She stated they have three connections which is costing \$450 a month. Mrs. Vandal stated that in the next three to four years the State will be requiring the school system to provide online testing as a mandate so they need to do something with the technology. Mrs. Vandal stated the Town Hall has 50mg capacity which is what is provided to the average home.

Mr. Frangiamore stated if they had fiber through the schools they could also obtain a VOIP phone connection for the schools. The fiber has a twenty year shelf life.

There was a also a discussion on hubs and that they would need one at the Town Hall and one at the High School.

The Committee thanked Mr. Frangiamore and Mrs. Vandal from coming to the cable meeting.

**Bedford Mass Cable Contract**

The Committee went over the first four sections of this contract to see if there were any parts they'd like to see when they negotiate Dracut's.

Mr. Patenaude discussed Article 4 Section 3 regarding underground cabling. The Committee discussed this and it was determined that there are underground utilities in Town at different locations and subdivisions.

**Next Meeting Agenda**

The Committee will review Articles 5, 6, 7 for the next meeting on 3/31/2016 and discuss DATV percentage. They will also invite in Catherine Maloney of Comcast.

**Negotiating Team**

After a brief discussion on who would be on the negotiating team, it was the consensus of the Committee to have May Paquette, Gordon Lutz and Hank Noel on the team.

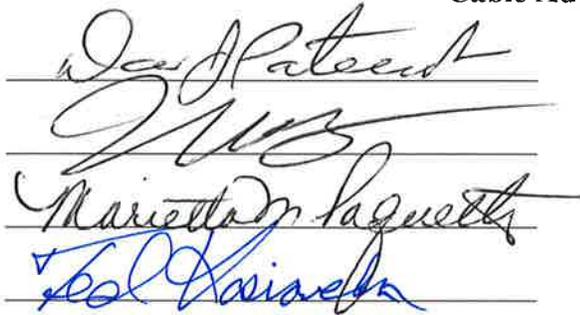
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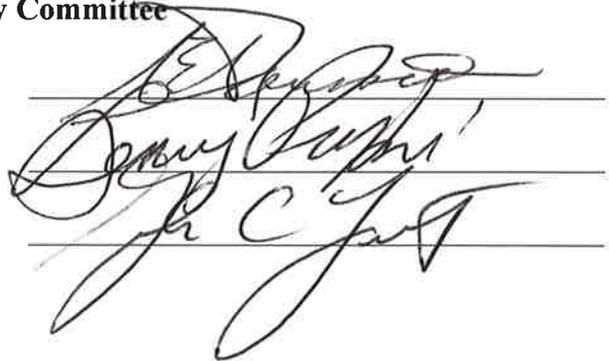
Mr. Noel made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2016 as presented. Mr. Lutz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Patenaude made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Rousseau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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