

Cable Advisory Committee
Minutes of January 13, 2015

Present for the Cable Committee were: Chairman May Paquette, Vice Chair Hank Noel, Gordon Lutz, Len Proposki 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 7:01 p.m.

Present for the meeting were Ken Moge and William Frangiamore from the Dracut Public Schools who were invited to the meeting to discuss their use of the INET if any.

Mr. Moge stated that the School is using the INET for communications out of the school for the Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Moge explained that there are locations within the new building that have "dead zones" as far as communications are concerned and repeaters needed to be installed for Police and Fire to be able to communicate out of the building.

Mr. Moge explained that the schools do not use the INET. Each school is autonomous and has its own VPN in place of the INET and they pay a subscription to Comcast. The Committee asked the School what they were paying in Comcast fees. Mr. Frangiamore reported \$10,248 a year for seven locations.

Mr. Moge reported that the studio uses the INET for the telethon.

There was a discussion on the two complimentary connections for the school. One is at the high school the other was in the studio.

There was a discussion on the need for some type of conduit back to the Fire Station for the Police/Fire to be able to use the repeaters to communicate in and out of the High School if the INET goes away.

Mr. Lutz stated that if we require Comcast to do something within the contract we need stronger language to hold them to it.

Mr. Frangiamore mentioned that the School Department had looked into the possibility of running fiber optic cable to the town and school buildings on their own and they had gotten a cost of \$155,000 not including switches etcetera for this cost. Mr. Frangiamore mentioned this was only a discussion there is nothing in place. The Technology Committee that was supposed to be created to look at technology needs for the Town as a whole is supposed to look into these types of possibilities.

The Committee thanked the School personnel for their time and input.

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Mr. Noel made a motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 2014 as presented. Mr. Kosiavelon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Comcast Agreement Article Review

Article 5 – The Committee had reviewed article five and commented on the following sections:

- Services and Programming
- Section 5.6
- Section 5.4(b)

Article 6 – The Committee had reviewed article six and commented on the following sections:

- P.E.G. Access
- Cable drops
- Will review the exhibits
- There was a discussion on some of the sections in this article may come out because they were when they were initially setting up the access corporation.
- 6.4(a) – add Methuen’s language

Article 7 – The Committee had reviewed article seven and commented on the following sections:

- Technology funding
- Payments, late fees, etc.
- The Committee would like to know the number of subscribers to Comcast for the next meeting

Next Meeting will be February 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall second floor conference room.

Discussion for next meeting will be:

- Possible questions for survey
- Review of Articles 8, 9, 10 of contract
- Minutes

Adjourn

Mr. Noel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Rousseau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE










