

Cable Advisory Committee
Minutes of May 2, 2013

Present for the Cable Committee were: Chairman Christopher Ferguson, Vice Chair Hank Noel, Gordon Lutz and Louis Rousseau. Also present were: Dennis E. Piendak, Town Manager and Samantha Carver the recording secretary. The meeting was held at the Richardson Room in Harmony Hall located at 1660 Lakeview Avenue, Dracut, MA.

Absent: Ted Kosiavelon, Len Proposki

Present from DATV Committee: Jack Lyons, Louis Darvarris, Mike McNamara, Gary Meuse

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Mr. Lyons gave a recap of what the money they are requesting from the equipment fund will be used for. They are asking for a not to exceed figure of \$16,000. Mr. Darvarris stated that this will get them to the Fire Station building where they will splice the fiber lines, rebalance and adjust the equipment. The figure received from Comcast is \$14,286.97 but in case they needed any extra funds they would like to have a little cushion. There is a 2,200 feet of cable part fiber part copper. This cable is for audio/video.

There was a discussion on the INET and whether any information has been obtained from Comcast. There was a discussion as to the Inet and how that was originally for audio/video and not really meant for data. The discussion on why they are moving the equipment from the School to the Fire Station is for 24 hours access and the room at the Fire Station is temperature controlled. There were issues getting to the equipment if there was a power outage and if it's in the Fire Station it would be accessible twenty-four hours a day. The Inet feed will still be at the high school; the modulators and converters would be moved. The Cable Advisory Committee would need to recommend this to the Board of Selectmen to expend these funds.

Mr. Noel made a motion to expend an amount not to exceed \$16,000 from the equipment fund to move the equipment to the Fire Station. Mr. Rousseau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Piendak stated that the next step will be the Cable Advisory Chair to recommend this to the Board of Selectmen. The next Board of Selectmen meeting is May 14, 2013.

The Committee reviewed the information in their packets which included the email written by Mr. Piendak in response to the letter received by Superintendent Stone regarding the INET issues. The Committee reviewed also the printout of the Comcast invoices for each building for internet services. Currently they have had no further information provided to them from Karin Mathieson of Comcast. Mr. Piendak was asked to reach out to Bob Carr who used to be the Town's contact to discuss the possible contract violation issue. Mr. Ferguson would like to give Ms. Mathieson more time seeing that she is new to Comcast. Mr. Piendak stated that the thirty-six month renewal process will begin officially in December 2013 with Comcast.

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Mr. Noel made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2013 as presented. Mr. Rousseau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

Mr. Ferguson stated the next meeting will be in three months the date being determined to be August 29, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

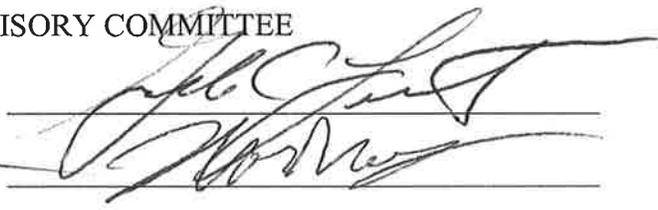
Adjourn

Mr. Noel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Lutz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



____ Absent: Ted Kosiavelon _____



____ Absent: Len Proposki _____