

**Groton Cable Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes 7/13/11**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the television studio at GDRHS. Present were members Dave Melpignano, Dorothy Davis, Jane Bouvier, Janet Sheffield, and Neil Colicchio, as well as Access Director Bob Colman.

The following town residents arrived to address some concerns to the committee: Al Striebel, George Faircloth, Richard Doherty, Thomas Schorn, and Jay Tilley.

**LIST OF MATERIALS AT MEETING:**

1. Program Director Notes (Bob) and Agenda for 7/13/11 Meeting

**RESIDENTS' CONCERNS ABOUT VERIZON HOOK-UP:**

A group of 5 residents of Paquawket Path who have underground utilities told the committee they're very dissatisfied with the quality of the Charter service to their neighborhood, especially internet service. They're extremely anxious to be hooked up to Verizon Fios, but despite multiple phone calls, haven't been able to get an answer from Verizon on when the service would be available to them. They asked the committee for some help, and were told Verizon's contract gives them four years in which to complete the build-out of the town. Dave, however, agreed to contact Verizon to try to get a schedule of their installation plans.

**GENERAL UPDATE:**

Bob told the committee the position for a Production Tech is being advertised and application will be due by August 9.

**ACCOUNTS AS OF 6/30/11:**

Main Account:     \$158,864.12  
Equipment Grant: \$ 45,489.54 (+\$22,500 from Verizon)  
Sponsorship Acct: \$ 3,504.22

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**PURCHASE REQUESTS:**

<b>Computer Power Back-up:</b>	<b>\$1200</b>
<b>3 USB microphones for Voice-overs in Edit Suites</b>	<b><u>\$ 360</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$1560</u></b>

Dorothy moved that we purchase the power back-up for \$1200 and the microphones for \$360 for a total of \$1560. Jane seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Charter Contract Renewal** – the committee spent the rest of the meeting reviewing the proposed contract. The following issues of concern were noted:

1. Neil raised a question about page 10, section 2.4, and would like a clarification. He believes section 2.8 in the Verizon contract is preferable.
2. Section 4.1, Indemnification, out of pocket attorneys fees are in the previous contract (see section 9.04)
3. Section 4.2, there should be 5 million coverage on umbrella
4. Section 4.3, bump up to \$20,000
5. Section 5.1, what are their hours?

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Janet made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dorothy seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.