

Groton Cable Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes 10/12/11

Meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. in the classroom across from the GDRHS television studio. Present were members Dave Melpignano, Dorothy Davis, and Janet Sheffield, and town resident Lee Davy. Access Director Bob Colman arrived toward the end of the meeting.

HIGH SCHOOL VIDEO EQUIPMENT:

Dave teaches the Videography course at Groton Dunstable Regional High School and reported that the cameras and computers for the class are several years old and in desperate need of replacement. He estimates that he'd need about 6 cameras and 6 IMacs, totaling from \$15,000-\$20,000. He and English Department chair Kelly Cook are planning to re-organize the curriculum for Videography so it becomes more oriented toward broadcast journalism.

The committee discussed ways they may be able to help provide students with better equipment so they'll be able to produce programming for the Channel. Two options were discussed: one where the studio purchases cameras, computer and tripods students can use, and another where the Groton Channel donates the equipment or funds for the equipment to the school.

After considerable discussion, it was decided that it was outside the scope of the Channel's charter to donate equipment to the school district, but that it would benefit the Channel if students were able to use the Channel's equipment to produce programming for airing on the Channel.

Bob agreed to work with Dave to obtain 3 written quotes for cameras and edit suites that will be available for students to use, but that will remain the property of the Channel. They hope to have a proposal ready for a vote at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dorothy moved to adjourn the meeting, Janet seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m. The next meeting will take place on 10/25 or 10/26 for the purposes of continuing to review the proposed Charter renewal contract.