

Groton Cable Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes 6/6/12

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the television studio. Present were members Dave Melpignano, Dorothy Davis, Jane Bouvier, Neil Collichio, and Janet Sheffield, along with Groton Channel Program Director Bob Colman and Town Attorney Bill Hewig of Kopelman and Paige.

LIST OF MATERIALS AT MEETING:

1. Copies of Proposed Charter Renewal Contract
2. Copies of Current Charter contract
3. Copies of Current Verizon Contract
4. Groton Cable Advisory Comments on Charter Contract

CHARTER RENEWAL

Attorney Bill Hewig of Kopelman and Paige was invited to meet with the Committee to review its list of issues and questions regarding the proposed renewal contract for Charter Communications. Members discussed with Mr. Hewig specific questions and concerns they had with the contract proposed by Charter, with Mr. Hewig contributing feedback about which issues he felt could be fairly raised with Charter.

The major issue the Committee discussed with Mr. Hewig was the poor quality of the signal on Local Access Channels, and its interest and difficulties in finding a technician to conduct tests of Charter's signal strength to establish whether Charter is in compliance with the terms of its current contract.

Mr. Hewig advised the committee on arranging for a Public Hearing (set for June 25) with the goal of seeking community input.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 p.m.