

**Groton Cable Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for: 3/7/15**  
**TV Studio Groton-Dunstable Regional High School**

**In Attendance:**

**Cable Committee Members:** Jane Bouvier, Robert Piche, Neil Colicchio, and Janet Sheffield (via speakerphone.)

**Others:** Program Director Bob Colman, Selectmen Anna Elliot and Jack Petropoulos, Russ Harris, Art Campbell, Berta Erickson, Robert Hargraves, and Robert Flynn.

**Neil Colicchio called the meeting to order At: 9:35AM**

**Bills:** Committee Members reviewed and signed the bills for the month.

**Discussion Item** – The production of an information video about the four corners sewer project: Anna Eliot came to the Committee with a request that the Cable Committee assist with the production of a video being produced by David Melpignano, which was to explain articles pertaining to a sewer district in the four corners area of Groton. The projected cost to finish the project was \$3,500.

After much discussion, the Committee felt a better approach would be to produce the video “in-house,” similar to an earlier project involving the center fire station. The Committee was additionally uncomfortable with the situation due to the vendor being Mr. Melpignano, the current Chairman of the Cable Committee. (Jack Petropoulos indicated that it was never Mr. Melpignano’s intention to have this project funded by the Cable Committee.) To move the matter to a vote, Janet made the motion:

**Vote** – Janet moved that the Cable Committee approve \$3,500 to pay Dave Melpignano to finish the Four Corners video. Robert seconded. The motion was voted down unanimously (by Roll Call Vote).

After further discussion, the Cable Committee wished to help inform the public by dedicating staff time to the production of a new video that may or may not make use of the work already done.

**Vote** - Robert moved that provided the current producer doesn’t offer to finish the video for free, Groton’s Cable Access staff would offer to put together an unbiased informational video, and would seek the input of the Town Moderator for the purpose of treating all opinions fairly. Jane seconded. The motion passed unanimously (by Roll Call Vote).

**General Update:**

- Groton Reads program will go LIVE from the library March 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Storytelling for Grown-ups begins showing this month.
- Show of Shows is in the can.
- Holding off on tablets to check on compatibility.
- Surveys are coming back in bunches.
- For the next two weeks, The Groton Channel will be hosting a Lawrence Academy "Winterim" group of 16 students.

**Meeting Minutes:** Robert made a motion to accept the minutes from 2/7/15. Seconded by Jane, the motion passed 3-0 with Janet abstaining.

**Purchase Requests:**

\$50 TO PLACE AD IN ARTS NASHOBA PROGRAM BOOK

**Vote** – Robert made a motion to purchase the ad for \$50. Jane seconded. It passed unanimously.

**Other:**

Jane made a motion to adjourn the meeting; there was no further discussion, seconded by Robert, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.