

Groton Cable Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for: 8/15/15
TV Studio Groton-Dunstable Regional High School

In Attendance:

Cable Committee Members: Chairperson Janet Sheffield, Robert Piche, and Neil Colicchio.

Others: Program Director Bob Colman

Called to Order At: 9:56AM

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

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for 7/11/15 were tabled to next meeting.

General Update:

- Charter has completed their fiber runs from the Country Club and Police Station.
- Surveys are being tallied and are about halfway done.
- The wires on the floor of the Selectmen's room should be replaced by a floor panel soon.
- Cable Revenues for the quarter are down slightly.

Discussion Item – Political Programming: The State Ethics Commission has not been responsive to requests for feedback. Topic is tabled until at least next meeting.

Action Items: Neil will make a last attempt for feedback via a letter.
Bob will resend policy to Committee for review.

Discussion Item – Prescott School Location: No updates. Tabled to next meeting.

Discussion Item – “Middlesex Update.” Bob let the Committee know about a program out of Belmont featuring the Middlesex DA. The Committee generally felt that a program such as this, specific to our area, could be a good addition to our line-up.

Action Item: Neil will review the program and likely be its Groton Advocate.

Discussion Item – VHS Decks: Dave is aware of a nursing home with a library of VHS tapes that could make use of some of our surplus equipment, specifically two VHS decks that have been sitting in storage.

Vote – Robert made a motion that, provided we follow the proper procedure for surplus equipment, we donate the two VCRs. Neil seconded. It passed unanimously.

Discussion Item – Charter Capital Grant: Bob expressed concerns about Charter’s payment of the capital grant, since it has not been paid in full, and Charter has inappropriately billed us for one of the live feed sites.

Action Item: Janet will obtain a copy of the final license for review.

Discussion Item – Letter to Town Charter Review Committee: The Town Clerk forwarded a letter that had been sent to the Town Charter Review Committee. The letter referenced the Cable Committee and presented a viewpoint that could be considered false and/or misleading.

Action Item: Neil will draft a short letter to the Charter Review Committee expressing the views of the Cable Committee. The final draft of the letter will be the focus of the Committee’s next meeting.

Purchase Requests:

FLASH FILM FESTIVAL ENTRY FEE	\$40
LAVALIERE MIC FOR STUDIO	\$160

Vote – Neil made a motion to purchase the above items for not more than \$200. Robert seconded. It passed unanimously.

Other:

Possible times for the next meeting are: 8/25 at 1:00 pm, 8/28 at 11:00 am, 9/1 at 10:00 am or so.

At 11:36AM, Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Neil, there was no further discussion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.