

Minutes
Windham Cable Advisory Board Meeting
January 12th, 2006

Members Present: Chair, Margaret Case; Vice Chair, Leo Hart; Greg Cappiello (Alternate sitting in for Alan Shoemaker); Alan Carpenter; Marry Griffin; J. Gross; Cable Coordinator Jim Daddona.

Excused: Alan Shoemaker, Dave Unger

Absent: John Alosso

Guests: Tom McPherson, Acting Fire Chief; Gerald Lewis, Police Chief; Charles Hanley and Butch Donahue, Adelphia.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Margaret Case at 7:02 pm. The December 1, 2005 minutes were reviewed. Mary Griffin moved to approve, Leo Hart seconded. Approved unanimously.

Discussion with Adelphia representatives began with the issue of Emergency Management Access. Police Chief Lewis and Acting Fire Chief McPherson stated they believed that the current EMA plans that the Town uses are sufficient. No further action by Adelphia is currently required.

Next, a discussion ensued about HD television and public access. The Adelphia reps said that there is no firm timetable for HD and that if the WCAB wanted its PEG station to cablecast an HD signal in the future, it was possible.

The WCAB then asked that Adelphia be involved with the planning of the TV studio in the new Windham High School while the design and development phase was in progress. Adelphia agreed to work with TEAM Design as they finalize the high school plans.

The most recent systems report was discussed with Adelphia reps, and WCAB Chair Margaret Case requested that all future reports and letters be emailed to her so that she could forward to the other board members. Adelphia agreed.

WCAB Chair Margaret Case read a letter from Adelphia regarding rate increases for services.

The Cable Trust Fund, and end-of-year expenditures for 2005, were reviewed.

A letter from Senator Judd Gregg was read thanking the WCAB for their input regarding the proposed cable franchising regulation changes.

WCAB Chair Margaret Case read a letter from Comcast regarding the commencement of the renewal process of the Limited Franchise that they have with Windham. The WCAB decided that a plan for responding to this was needed by March so action can be taken by May or June of 2006.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Leo Hart and seconded by J Gross. Motion approved; meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm. The next meeting of the WCAB will be Thursday, March 9th at 7:00 pm at the cable studio.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Daddona
WCTV Cable Coordinator
