

Minutes
Windham Cable Advisory Board Meeting
May 11, 2006

Members Present: Margaret Case, Leo Hart, Greg Cappiello (sitting in for J. Gross), Mary Griffin, Alan Shoemaker and Dave Unger. Also, Cable Coordinator Jim Daddona.
Excused: Alan Carpenter, J. Gross. **Absent:** John Alosso

The meeting brought to order by Chairperson Margaret Case at 7:25 p.m.
The minutes of the March 9, 2006 meeting were read. Leo Hart moved for approval, Greg Cappiello seconded. Approved unanimously.

Margaret Case shared a letter from the Alliance for Community Media, asking us to vote on candidates. The candidates will be considered, and a reply sent back to the Alliance.

A response was received from Representative Jeb Bradley thanking us for our letter concerning the establishment of a national franchise.

A check from Adelphia for \$151,181.02 was received for the franchise fee.

Studio Coordinator's Report: Jim Daddona advised that the next batch of 100 DVD's will be sent out for conversion, and we're hoping for two batches to be sent each year. There is a new Realty Show that is being aired once each month. The Salem/Windham Report (a half-hour magazine style program), continues monthly. New England Rock TV is still going well, as is Book Beat. The Windham Curriculum Fair was covered in March, and the Strawberry Festival will be covered in June. A Volunteer Appreciation Award was given to Bob Leonard.

The subject of Renewal Franchises for Comcast and Adelphia was discussed. It was recommended that we schedule a public hearing for this fall to get input.

It was decided to ask Verizon if they can meet with us on May 22, 2006 regarding their franchise proposal. The board discussed the draft copy and made a list of items that were of concern. Margaret Case will ask the Town Administrator for permission to contact cable attorney Peter Epstein for assistance with this process.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Alan Shoemaker and seconded by Greg Cappiello. Approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alan Shoemaker
Secretary