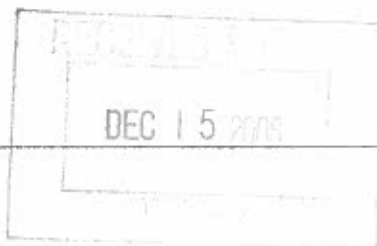


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Oct. 9, 2008, Cable advisory committee meeting

Members present: John Covert, Brandy Brandon, Michael Geis, and Les Gerhardt

Meeting called to order 7:40 PM

Committee has approved the minutes from the meeting of Sept. 11, 2008.

John Covert was reminded by selectman Lauren Rosenzweig, we are to get three quotes for consultants for the town. We are aware of two potential consultants and that will be enough.

John Covert who is the cable committee institutional memory said that selectman Friedrichs quit the cable committee because 10 years earlier she could not find out how much money is given to the town through the access and technology fund.

Committee received of letter from Louis Ventola . He complains about the removal of the analog boxes.

Brandy asked Stephen Barret for a copy of the report of the money spent from the access and technology fund. As of this time he has not received the report.

Selectman Friedrichs is concerned about how the access and technology fund is being spent, who is responsible, and there is no IT plan

Comcast license is up June 28, 2010.

Bill Solomon said it would take 20 to 40 hours to set up the cable access company.

John Covert asked Rick Degon for the number of programs run, program list, list of equipment etc to determine the future needs for the cable access company. Degon has passed the request on to his management.

While John Covert was telling us that he ask Solomon for a proposal, Bill Solomon sent a new proposal during the meeting, 8:15 PM. Initial work to determine position of town with respect to Comcast, Bill listed the time requirements, the total ~170 hours at \$160/hour = \$26,800 , which does not include 20-40 hours for getting the cable access company going, plus \$11,000 for consultant with an additional \$5500 for telephone surveys for a total of \$43,300.

Brendan Hern came to the cable committee to discuss the use of the studio. We asked for titles of class that use the studio, hours, and enrollment. John covert suggested that Acton needs two studios because of over scheduling. Brendan said the school lends its self to scheduling. The studio being shared between the school and the citizens of Acton would have an entrance through the school and separate entrance outside of the school. Portable cameras and equipment heavily used by both by students and general citizens of Acton. Often taken out side the studio,

Bill Solomon called during the cable meeting. He had worked with the town during several meetings in the

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time period around February 2008. He had previously negotiated very favorable licenses for the town with Comcast and Verizon. He has no contract with the town , but would be glad to have one if the town wants. Solomon felt that he had been retained by the town in spirit and feels a bit confused because the town is going out to bid.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.