



TOWN OF HUDSON

Cable Utility Committee

Michael O'Keefe, Chairman

Roger Coutu, Selectmen Liaison



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Minutes of the Hudson Cable Utility Committee (CUC) Meeting Tuesday, February 21, 2012

1. Call to order: Chairman O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chairman O'Keefe

3. Attendance:

Present: Michael O'Keefe, Leo Bernard, Selectman Roger Coutu, Stewart Kroner and, Rupert Cote. Michael Blau and School Board Representative Lee Lavoie were excused. Also present: Jim McIntosh and Kristopher Georgeou from HCTV staff.

4. Public Input: None

5. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the December 20, 2011 meeting were reviewed by the CUC. There were no corrections or changes. Motion made by Mr. Kroner and seconded by Mr. Cote passed unanimously and without Debate.

6. Old Business:

A. Comcast Franchise Renewal Update:

Mr. O'Keefe reported that all of the corrections had been made to the Contract by Comcast and they met all of the terms and conditions that were outlined to them. The contract would now go to the Board of Selectmen and advertised for a public meeting to be held on March 6, 2012 after which the Board of Selectmen would discuss the contract and vote on it's acceptance or rejection.

7. New Business:

A. New HCTV Production Assistant

Chairman O'Keefe announced that the former Production assistant resigned and that Kristopher Georgeou was appointed by the BOS to serve in that capacity. Mr. Georgeou had resigned from the Cable Committee in order to serve in that capacity.

B. Hill's Library Broadcasting issues:

Mr. O'Keefe talked about having received complaints about the quality of the broadcast coming from the meetings being held at the Hill's Library. The School committee and the Library Board of Trustees meet there regularly. A lengthy discussion ensued and resulted with a motion being made by Mr. Cote and seconded by Mr. Kroner to request the BOS to support the expenditure of Cable access funds to fit up the Hill's Library to create a quality broadcast facility. The project was not to exceed \$25,000. The motion passed with 3 yes, 1 no (Mr. Bernard) and 1 abstention (Mr. Coutu).

C. Purchase of 2 portable microphone systems:

Jim McIntosh stated that there was a need for these microphones for people who are borrowing video recording equipment for productions outside of the studio. The cost of the 2 systems would not exceed \$15.00. Motion by Mr. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Coutu to purchase the 2 systems not to exceed \$1500. Passed unanimously.

D. Election of Officers:

Motion by Mr. Bernard to nominate Mr. O'Keefe as Chair;
Motion by Mr. Cote to nominate Mr. Kroner Vice Chair and
Motion by Mr. Bernard to appoint Mr. Coutu Clerk with terms to expire on April 30, 2013 passed unanimously.

E. Remarks:

Harry Schibanoff was thanked by the Committee for his years of dedication and service to the Cable users of Hudson. He was also acknowledged for his service as Committee Clerk for much of his tenure.

F. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 was made by Mr. Bernard and seconded by Mr. Cote and passed unanimously.

Submitted by Roger E. Coutu, Acting Clerk/Recorder
February 24, 2012.