

Topsfield Cable Television Advisory Committee

March 2, 2011

Approved 4/6

Executive Summary

Terms of the Comcast renewal license have been agreed to. A 5-year license was a high priority due to several unknowns. The Town will receive some \$52K 60 days following the final agreement. 1.25% of Gross Annual Revenues will be collected from subscribers and provided for cable operations. \$6.5K in annual revenues will be provided. Although this level of funding is significantly below other communities, it improves on Comcast's prior commitment and the funding from Verizon. Discussion was held concerning requesting that the \$.50 per subscriber Licensing Fee paid annually by Comcast and Verizon be available for funding Web activity. A DVD player needs to be replaced. A 5-year Plan for Local Access has been requested by the Selectmen. Bill Whiting will prepare a draft.

Meeting opened at 7:35 PM in Town Hall.

Members present: Bill Whiting, Dana Berenson, and Kathy Curran

Members absent: Bill Wood and Jay MacDougall

Guest:

Former Business:

The Minutes of 1/5 were approved as written. (February meeting cancelled due to weather.)

New Business:

See Executive Summary

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

The next scheduled meeting is April 6 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Whiting.