

**Minutes**  
**Windham Cable Advisory Board**  
**November 10th, 2005**

**Present:** Chair, Margaret Case; Vice Chair, Leo Hart; Mary Griffin, J. Gross, Alan Shoemaker; Studio Coordinator, Jim Daddona

**Excused:** Greg Cappiello, David Unger

**Absent:** John Alosso

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairperson Margaret Case.

Minutes of the 22 September meeting were read. Leo Hart moved for approval, Mary Griffin seconded; minutes approved unanimously.

The year-to-date budget report discussed and approved. Proposed budget is \$79,330, not including COLA.

The Transfer Agreement has been signed by the Board of Selectmen, and forwarded to Comcast/Holdco for their signature.

Correspondence:

A letter from Adelphia was read, requesting a renewal of their franchise that expires on 2 Aug 08. WCAB was asked proceed with renewal procedures. Leo Hart volunteered to look into the legal aspects regarding the most appropriate way to renew, and to invite Adelphia representatives in to discuss it further.

Dave Sullivan wrote a letter requesting narrative reports by 23 December. Jim Daddona is working on it.

A letter from Adelphia was read, announcing additional channels to its digital and classic cable line-up. It now offers now more than 1500 hours of continual entertainment, at no cost to digital customer. Also, an Internet "Net-Pac" has been added, to include educational TV programming, Encyclopedia Britannica, American Greeting Cards, sports, music and games, their Freedom Internet security suite, and a new New England website. Also, a new low cost internet service is now available, offering 256 KB upstream and downstream, for \$24.95.

A letter drafted by Leo Hart was discussed. The draft, which discusses a number of concerns over the proposed bill that eliminates franchises, is to go to appropriate House and Senate leadership, and other concerned civic and government officials. WCAB members unanimously approved sending the letter.

Jim Daddona reported that last month there was a special town deliberative session on the donation of land for parking at Griffin Park. He used the new wireless mikes and mixer, which improved the sound quality significantly. Jim brought up another equipment related issue: the digital playback we're considering buying will require a demonstration. There will be a seminar on 17 November by Leightronics at the Sheraton Hotel in Nashua (9 a.m. until noon), and several board members will be in attendance.

Jim Daddona also announced the first show produced by a combination of Windham and Salem Cable TV personnel and volunteers. Called the "Salem-Windham Report," it's a monthly magazine news type program using pooled resources. The show focuses on Windham and Salem activities, and is being aired Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Windham stories featured on the premiere show include parking for Griffin Park, the Windham Fire Department Open House, and a "Question of the Month."

Equipment:

It was moved by J. Gross and Seconded by Mary Griffin to purchase cases for our new cameras. Motion approved unanimously.

J. Gross suggested experimenting with additional fluorescent lighting at the juncture of the ceiling and walls in the Planning Department. Jim Daddona will research it with local providers.

The next WCAB meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1 December 05.

There being no further business, J. Gross moved to adjourn, and Leo Hart Seconded. Motion approved; meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Shoemaker  
Secretary