

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
CABLE COMMITTEE
July 16, 2013
MINUTES**

Present: Deb Boisvert, Harriet Cady, David Sakowich, Kate Alexander

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mrs. Cady made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2013. **Seconded:** Mr. Sakowich seconded the motion. **Vote:** Unanimous approval.

Old Business

-Contract Negotiations: Chairperson Boisvert said the Cable Consortium met in July and representatives believed that the meeting would have been the last for negotiations with MetroCast. However, some Consortium communities did not provide MetroCast with information to allow negotiations to end. Chairperson Boisvert indicated that MetroCast was surprised by the amount of cable drops requested by Consortium Communities. MetroCast asked Consortium communities to review the cable drops they have requested to make sure they are needed due to the cost involved for the drops. Mrs. Cady suggested that the drop requested by the town for the Birch St fire substation may want to be reviewed. Mrs. Cady also suggested looking at adding a drop at the Deerfield Fair fire substation.

Chairperson Boisvert says the Consortium will meet again in August in hopes of finishing negotiations with MetroCast. Some communities in the Consortium have a contract with MetroCast that ends prior to December, 2013.

Other issues discussed by Consortium communities during negotiations included MetroCast technology grants as they relate to Lakes Region Community Television and internet access and speed for the Deerfield Community School.

The committee also discussed the cable franchise fee and whether the town should consider lowering the franchise fee or keeping it where the rate has been set. Mrs. Cady suggested putting the issue on the selectboard agenda in the future.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion: -Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Cady. **Seconded:** Ms. Alexander. **Vote:** Unanimous
Adjourned at 6:41pm.

**Next Meeting: August 20, 2013 at 6 p.m.
George B. White Building**

The Minutes were Transcribed and Respectfully Submitted by David Sakowich