

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
CABLE COMMITTEE
August 20, 2013
DRAFT MINUTES**

Present: Deb Boisvert, David Sakowich, Kate Alexander

Absent: Harriet Cady

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Ms. Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2013. **Seconded:** Chairperson Boisvert seconded the motion. **Vote:** Unanimous approval.

Old Business

-Contract Negotiations: Chairperson Boisvert said final negotiations between the Cable Consortium and MetroCast representatives are moving slowly. The two sides had hoped to finalize negotiations but discussion surrounding the funding of Government, Educational and Public Access Programming has slowed down talks. Discussion of how to fund Lakes Region Public Access remains an issue in negotiations. MetroCast is not interest in fronting funding for various public, government and education programming channels for communities. The Deerfield School Board is no longer interested in an education channel in town because the cost to the school department would be \$21,000. The next negotiation session was scheduled for August 22, 2013.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion: -Motion to adjourn by Ms. Alexander. **Seconded:** Mr. Sakowich. **Vote:** Unanimous
Adjourned at 6:29pm.

**Next Meeting: September 17, 2013 at 6 p.m.
George B. White Building**

The Minutes were Transcribed and Respectfully Submitted by David Sakowich.
Pending Approval of the Deerfield Cable Committee