




# Town of Fairhaven

Town Hall 40 Centre Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

## Minutes of Meeting

### Cable Advisory Committee

PLACE OF MEETING: Town Hall – East Room  
DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, October 28th, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.  
MEETING OF: Cable Advisory Committee



(Signature)

11-19-2014

(Date Signed)

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Present: Barbara Acksen, Ex-officio: Selectman Bob Espindola, Ronnie Medina  
Absent: None

Guests in attendance: Steve Voluckas, Attorney William Sullivan, Consultant Chuck Sherwood

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M.

#### Minutes of Meeting

Bob Espindola motioned to accept the minutes of the prior meeting (October 3rd).  
Ronnie Medina seconded.  
No further discussion  
The motion carried unanimously

#### EMA

Marc Jodoin presented documentation with an overview and pricing for a Peavey Escort 6000 Portable PA System that he felt would be a good thing for the EMA to have and could be used at various (non-emergency) events around Town that the EMA supports.

The CAC pointed out to Mr. Jodoin, that there may be an equipment vendor coming to Fairhaven to do a "needs assesement for all Town Equipment to see if there are upgrades needed to correct current quality issues and to meet future needs for programming.

All three CAC members suggested that this subject be placed on hold and revisited after a needs assessment is done.

Chuck Sherwood and Attorney William Solomon were both introduced to the CAC Committee (Bob Espindola had met both of them at the 2014 ACM Northeast Regional Conference in Nashua).

Mr. Sherwood and Attorney Solomon both suggested that the Town think seriously about taking stock of all funds currently in the Towns Fund 28 and seeing if there are appropriate expenses these funds could be used for while still in the existing contract with Comcast. They both suggested that having a large balance in that fund would place the Town in a very weak position when it comes time to negotiate with Comcast for the next contract, for which negotiations can start as early as May of 2015.

Attorney Solomon has negotiated Cable Contracts for many municipalities and will provide further information about his experience and details about the potential he saw in Fairhaven with regard to a future contract. The numbers are included in the attached table.

Attorney Solomon explained the extensive dealings with Comcast when he negotiated with them on behalf of the Town of Fairhaven for the most recent contract with Comcast (about eight years ago).

He said at that time, there was a survey done and the Town was set up to be able to have all three segments of Access, Public, Education, and Government.

He indicated that he had no idea why the Public Access was not implemented but he stated that it has been his own experience, in the Town of Stoneham (where he serves as Town Counsel) and in many other communities, that people really enjoy public access programming.

He indicated that Ms. Amy Brough Palerino, who Mr. Espindola also met at the Nashua Conference, would be willing to visit Fairhaven to explain what popular Public Access Programming they have in Stoneham.

The CAC explained that they intend to survey subscribers to find out what their interest level is in Public Access Programming. Attorney Solomon and Mr. Sherwood both suggested that a much more effective way to gauge interest would be to reach out to those who would be likely to use create content for airing on Public Access, like local sports programs, churches, non-profit organizations, etc.

Attorney Solomon also recommended finding ways to get local small business involved. He said that some communities do a "spotlight" on a local business once a week or once a month or so and subscribers and the local business community both benefit from that sort of programming.

Mr. Solomon also indicated that he would send a link to a six (6) minute video about the creation of a Studio in Stoneham from a former Church building.

Mr. Sherwood was asked what his role could be in helping the Town establish Public Access programming. He said he could help with the outreach, would work with Attorney Solomon to assess the Towns current position and liabilities moving into a new contract and help coordinate an equipment needs assessment using the services of equipment suppliers who specialize in Video equipment, Studio equipment furnishings, etc.

Mr. Sherwood will submit a proposal for his services for the CAC to consider at their next meeting.

Mr. Steve Voluckas was acknowledged and again offered to coordinate a tour of the Plymouth Area (PACNET) studios which he called State of the Art. The CAC will keep in touch with him and look to schedule that tour at a future time.

Bob Espindola motioned to adjourn at 9:07 P.M.

Ronnie Medina Seconded

No further discussion

The vote was unanimous

Submitted by Bob Espindola, acting Secretary



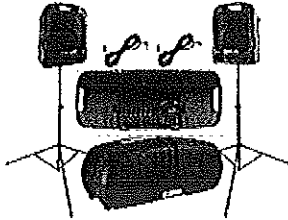


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### Peavey Escort 6000 Portable PA System



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- 2 x Folding Speaker Stand
- 2 x 15' (4.5m) Speaker PATCH CABLE
- Carrying Case
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#### Overview

The Escort 6000 Portable PA System from Peavey is a complete, easy-to-use, highly reliable, portable, good-sounding package, and is suitable for use in schools and houses of worship and for small musical performances. This system takes the reliability, transportability, and audio quality of the original Escort portable PA systems and combines it with features such as digital multi-effects, a USB MP3 player, Peavey's Mid-Morph technology, and the patented FLS (Feedback Locating System). Two folding speaker stands are included in the package. The carrying case provided with the system has ample storage for the PA system as well as optional accessories such as microphones and cables (sold separately). The case also features luggage-style wheels, making it easy to transport.

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- 2 folding speaker stands
- Two 15.0' (4.5m) speaker patch cables
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- Convenient carry case with luggage-style wheels

### Specifications

<b>Speakers</b>	Woofers 10.0" (254.0 mm) Piezoelectric Horn Tweeter
<b>Output Power</b>	300 W RMS (per channel)
<b>Frequency Response</b>	40 Hz to 20 kHz +/-3 dB
<b>Overload Protection</b>	10 dB of DDT that limits the PA output to prevent clipping that can damage the speakers
<b>Distortion</b>	Less than 0.2% THD @ maximum power
<b>Signal-to-Noise Ratio</b>	88 dB mic input typical
<b>AC Power</b>	115 VAC 60 Hz or 230 VAC 50/60 Hz
<b>Dimensions</b>	14.50 x 36.75 x 15.50" (36.80 x 93.30 x 39.40 cm)
<b>Weight</b>	50.00 lb (22.67 kg), with stands


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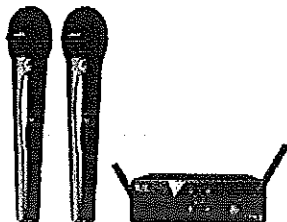
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## AKG WMS 40 Mini2 Vocal Set Dual System

**AKG**  
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B&amp;H # AKWMS40M2VS ■ Mfr # 3350H00020



### Product Highlights

- Frequency Sets A & C
- Dual Transmitter Operation
- x2 HT 40 Mini Handheld Transmitters
- Mini XLR Output
- Stable UHF Operation
- Miniature Receiver Design
- Operates up to 30 Hours on a AA Battery
- 1/4" Phone Audio Output on Receiver

You Pay: \$199.00

Availability: IN STOCK

### What's in the Box

- SR40 Mini2 Dual Receiver
- 2 x HT40 Handheld Transmitters
- EU, UK, & US Power Adapters
- 3 Year Warranty

### Overview

The **AKG WMS 40 Mini2 Vocal Set Dual System** is a UHF wireless microphone system that is small, portable, easy to set up and straightforward to operate. The WMS 40 Mini2 Vocal Set Dual System supports simultaneous operation of 2 transmitters and includes the SR 40 mini2 receiver, 2 HT 40 handheld transmitters.

The handheld transmitters feature dynamic capsules with cardioid polar patterns, enclosed in a wire-mesh cap. The transmitters also feature On/Off and Mute switches, and 30 hours of operation on a single AA battery. The SR 40 mini2 receiver features a miniature design and a 1/4" audio output. There are 3 LEDs indicating On/Off and RF status. Operation is fairly straightforward, simply connect the SR 40 mini2 to a PA amplifier input, power the transmitters and receiver and you're ready for wireless performances, presentations, band rehearsals and more.

### Features

Up to 30 hours of operation with one single AA battery

Receiver power supply operates on any AC voltage from 110 to 240 VAC and includes EU, UK, and US adapters

Easy to set up, plug-&-play operation  
 Gain control on pocket transmitter  
 Low battery indicator  
 HT40 Mini offers a metal microphone cap and an On/Off/Mute switch

### Specifications

Carrier Frequency Range	660 to 865MHz FM Modulation
Audio Bandwidth	40 to 20,000Hz
Frequency Stability	±15 kHz
THD	at 1 kHz typ. 0.8%
Compander	Integrated
Signal-to-Noise Ratio	typ. 105 dB(A)
RF Output	Max. 10mW
Power Supply	1.5-V AA size battery/ Battery Life: > 30 hours

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