

## **Gorham Cable Television Committee      Minutes 10/9/08**

Members Present: Richard Portwine, Sergei Haramundanis, John Labrecque, Robert Skinner, Lee Stanley

Also Present: Georgia Humphrey – Station Manager

- I. Minutes were provided and accepted from meeting of 9/11/08. 5 yeas:
- II. Assignments for Cable Workshop presentation were finalized. Richard Portwine will start it off with the history and mission. Sergei will do the Capital Projects and financial portion.
- III. There was discussion about the need for a more comprehensive policy guide. Due to political activity, the station has been contacted several times about airing political messages and /or producing a program for political gain. Because there is no clear policy, the Town Manager was also informed of the requests. Town Manager provided the following : If an event is sponsored by some “official” organization [in this case it was the Gorham Business and Civic Exchange]; and all candidates are invited to participate, then the program may run on Gorham Government /Education TV. If a candiidate produces their own content than the program should run on Channel 2, the public station..
- IV. Questions were made in regards to the streaming company “Earth Channel”. Mr. Haramundanis wanted to know if the content could be copied or if Earth Channel provided read only files.
- V. Station Manager suggested that the committee divide into small groups and focus on specific tasks.
  - ✓ Bob Skinner will work with policies and guidelines both local and those that are suggested by the F.C.C.
  - ✓ Sergei and Lee will work with the budget and financial areas
  - ✓ Dick and John will work with improving public awareness of our services
  - ✓ This leaves to unassigned members of the committee
- VI. Next meeting date is Thursday Nov. 13, 2008 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.
- VII. Adjournment

Submitted by Georgia Humphrey, Gorham Access Television Manager