

Gorham Cable Television Committee Minutes 6/18/08

Members Present: Richard Portwine, Lee Stanley, Sergei Haramundanis

Also Present: Georgia Humphrey – Station Manager

The Cable TV Committee has had several new members assigned to the committee. Since we did not have a quorum on June 18, 2008 we moved into a workshop format.

- ✓ Discussion about the results of the June 3, 2008 Town Council Meeting. The Town Council voted to sweep all the funds from the Cable Reserve Account into the Town Capital Projects Account. This was a disappointing outcome.
- ✓ As was discussed at May 22, 2008 Cable Meeting, Richard Portwine will send a letter to Town Manager and Chair of Town Council requesting a Cable Workshop. A proposed time is September 2008.
- ✓ Per Mr. Haramundanis proposal at May 22, 2008 Cable Meeting, 3-5 year capital plan will be developed.
- ✓ Station Manager will work on projected costs of capital upgrades.
- ✓ Group discussed and prioritized some projects. Areas related to emergency communication, schools, and new technology were considered high priority.
- ✓ Discussion occurred about the topics for proposed Town Council Workshop. The presentation needs to focus on
 - Technology – how to adapt to continue the mission of citizen communications;
 - Capital Plans over 3-5 years;
 - Legal and civic issues in serving Public/Education/Government programming.
- ✓ Station Manager will propose and distribute a regular cable committee meeting time that will dovetail with other public meetings.