

## **Minutes of the HCTV – Harvard Cable Community Board Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.

### Attendance

Mitch Norcross (Chair)  
John Ball (Member)  
John Burns (Member)  
Robert Fernandez (Station Director)  
Paul Lierhaus (Member)  
Bill Johnson (BOS liaison)

Review and Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting were deferred.

Planning for the renewal of the Charter contract in Jan 2015 was discussed including a review of a letter from the Dept. of Telecommunications and Cable offering support in an advisory capacity. A brief discussion of a proposal to establish Working Groups (WG) to focus on various aspects of the contracts was held; no decisions were made. This will be an important item on the five year plan which will be discussed at the next meeting.

The election of officers was deferred until the next meeting when it is expected that all members will be available.

Amy Gerard discussion.

The committee budget was reviewed. Funding is received annually in March. The projections show a decline in reserves. Increasing income via increased subscriber fee may be part of the upcoming contract negotiation.

Mr. Fernandez presented the Station Directors report. Fewer meetings were covered following the trend of fewer meetings in the summer months. It is expected that we will resume coverage of 12-14 meetings per month in the fall.

The update of the five year plan was discussed. The current plan is included in the BOS 5 year plan and is available in the Additional Links section of the BOS page of the town web site. ([http://www.harvard.ma.us/Pages/HarvardMA\\_BComm/BOS/index](http://www.harvard.ma.us/Pages/HarvardMA_BComm/BOS/index)) The plan will be the subject of the August meeting. Two meetings may be planned for August since the Five year Plan is due in Sept.

There are currently 3 applications for 2 open positions. Clarification of the Conflict of Interest rules is necessary before some of the applicants can be considered. New membership will be on the agenda of the August meeting.

The offer from the School Committee of space at Bromfield was discussed. There are several issues that need to be resolved regarding the proposed space in the basement of

the middle school wing but the consensus was that we should continue to pursue this offer with the School Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20.