

Town of Lyme
Board of Selectmen
First Public Hearing
February 12, 2009

1. At 8:40 am Simon opened the public hearing required under RSA 53-C:3-a to consider the suitability of Comcast to supply cable television facilities to a limited area of Lyme, namely 85 Dartmouth College Highway.
2. The following attended the public hearing: Simon Carr (chair), Charles Ragan (member), Dick Jones (member), Lisa Birmingham (COMCAST), Corey Hopkins (COMCAST), Frank Bowles, Steve Campbell, Charles Muntz, Bob Sohrweide, Walter Swift and Mike Woodard.
3. Questions raised and issues discussed included:
 - a. Mike gave a brief background on the proposal followed by Lisa describing the proposed services to be provided by COMCAST. These would include television (both analog and HD), broadband internet and voice over internet telephone service to the condominiums at 85 Dartmouth College Highway only.
 - b. Frank expressed his concerns that the services would be provided to only a small number of Lyme residents and asked if COMCAST would be a non-exclusive provider. Simon answered that under NH law COMCAST would be a non-exclusive provider and other providers could provide competing services.
 - c. Charles asked if COMCAST had received contributions or grants to expand service to additional areas. Lisa replied that COMCAST has done so in some case.
 - d. Steve asked if COMCAST provided net-neutral services. Corey answered that priority was given to E911 and voice over internet, but was net-neutral on other web services.
 - e. Lisa emphasized that COMCAST was only willing to commit to provide services to the condominium association at 85 Dartmouth College Highway, but that in the future an amendment was possible to expand their service area.
4. At 9:13 Dick moved and Charles seconded a motion to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board returned to its regular meeting.

R. G. Jones
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