

**North Hampton Select Board
Workshop Session
Thursday September 23, 2010**

Chair Wollmar called the workshop to order at 9:00AM. Select Board members Jon Rineman and Jim Maggiore were present.

Cable Channel Operating Policy and Procedures

Town Administrator Fournier indicated that the Select Board has had the Cable Channel Operating Policy and Procedure to review and that it has been reviewed by the Cable Advisory Committee and Town Counsel.

The Select Board reviewed the policy and made minor grammatical changes.

Selectman Maggiore asked the length of term for the Cable Advisory Committee members. The Select Board agreed to amend it to read that members should serve a term of three years.

Selectman Maggiore asked if the policy should state that certain meetings are recorded and could a committee deny the filming of a meeting. Town Administrator Fournier stated that since the station manager is an employee of the Town the Select Board has the authority to determine what meetings that he covers. He also indicated that the State Supreme Court has ruled that no public body can deny someone the right to film a meeting.

Selectman Rineman stated that he felt that every meeting should be recorded as long as scheduling allows it. The Town Administrator stated that with the number of commissions and boards it would not be possible to film all committees. He also indicated that there needs to be time for the message board to be broadcast.

The Board debated that whether or not only elected boards should be recorded.

Selectman Wollmar recommended that public hearings be recorded. It was determined that it was already in the policy.

Selectman Rineman asked how much the Town charges for copies of meetings. Town Administrator Fournier stated yes and that currently it is \$10, but he wants to update the fee schedule to make sure that the fees cover the cost to make it.

Selectman Rineman asked if a meeting is requested to be filmed and the Town Administrator and the Station Manager denies or approve it is there an appeal. Town Administrator Fournier stated that there is to the Cable Advisory Committee or Select Board. In addition, the Town Administrator can send a request to the Cable Advisory Committee for their opinion.

The Board took no action on the policy and will act upon it at the next Select Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Fournier
Town Administrator