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Subject: Summary and Key Points from Northborough "Cable" Committee meeting 10/7/09

The meeting took place in Kathy's office room A129 at Algonquin High School 10/7/09 from 7-9 PM.

1- Participants (alpha order):

- Kathy Dalgliesh
- Niel Middleton
- Jim Murphy
- Dick Swee

2- Charter and Verizon Contractual Payments

All payments due so far have been received.

A key concern continues about how the payments will be reconciled by both companies and how any under or overpayments will be handled.

In addition, we discussed a question as to how far can the carriers go back in time to request that the town pay back money.

Should the town keep a reserve for such a possibility and how much should the reserve be.

3- New Virtual Town Hall WEB and PEG Channels

Kathy showed us a demo of a new WEB interface that will allow residents to use their WEB browser to find the times when a particular program is scheduled to play on the PEG channels.

We encouraged going one additional step further with this idea and allow playback of the program via the WEB browser rather than wait until its on the TV.

This is a great step forward.

4- Emergency Preparedness

We discussed finding ways to put the transmission room servers on generator power. The servers are located in the room right next to Kathy's office and have limited UPS backup. Kathy was going to explore whether a power connection can be run from the generator that already exists supporting the Algonquin "head end" room.

If the Transmission room loses power, there will be no ability to transmit information (emergency or otherwise) to anyone in the town.

Note to John Coderre --- Its not clear how much progress has been made in the

town in reaction to last year's ice storm. Maybe it would be interesting to make a program (soon) for the PEG channels to explain what steps have been taken and also what residents can do to help prepare themselves. ...like putting a UPS on their phone equipment, etc. Don't wait until the next ice storm to think of things to do.

5- Mike Edmonds Resigned from Committee

Mike is moving to Arizona. We all want to thank him for his efforts on the committee and his ability to bring common sense to our discussions.
I guess Mike will not have to worry about ice storms.

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