

Wellfleet Cable Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting on November 17, 2005 at 2:00 PM, Wellfleet Library

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Attendees: Tom Cole, Susan Messina, John O'Hara

Tom served as chairperson today and called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM.

Minutes of the October 20 meeting were accepted as printed.

OLD BUSINESS

Upcoming Federal Legislation Concerning Public Access

A series of Senate and House bills, sponsored by John McCain and John Kerry, are seeking to exempt phone and cable companies from local franchise obligations, which would negate related fees and public access funding. Web site links are following the progress of this upcoming legislation. <http://thomas.loc.gov/> ... <http://www.indybay.org/news/2005/10/1778662.php>

Tom distributed copies of position papers from Alliance for Community Media, which opposes these bills. www.alliancecm.org/index.php?page_id=193 (on file)

NEW BUSINESS

Possible Formation of a Lower Cape Cable Consortium

A group of people from Provincetown, Truro and Wellfleet met informally on November 15 at the PTV Studio in Provincetown to discuss whether representatives of the cable advisory committees of the Lower Cape towns might be interested in a meeting to discuss issues of mutual interest. Bertram Perkel of Truro has offered to draft a letter of invitation.

Friends of the Lower Cape Community Media

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 19 at 10:00 AM, Wellfleet Senior Center.

History of Public Access

Terry Duenas, Executive Director of Cape Cod Community Media in Yarmouth, has written a comprehensive overview entitled "Public Access on Cape Cod: Past, Present, and Future".

Orleans Studio Budget

A preliminary breakdown has been provided by Comcast, however more information will be needed from the cable company in order to interpret actual and potential operation costs of the Orleans public access studio.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15 at 2:00 PM, Wellfleet Library.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Messina, Acting Secretary WCAC