

Wellfleet Cable Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting on December 15, 2005 at 2:00 PM, Wellfleet Library

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Attendees: Tom Cole, Betsy Williams, Susan Messina, John O'Hara --Tom served as chairperson.

Minutes of November 17 will be submitted at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

WCAC Presentation to the Wellfleet Finance Committee

Tom distributed a handout on the breakdown of current cable licensing and franchising fees for a presentation tonight to the Wellfleet Finance Committee. The matrix shows numbers of cable subscribers and corresponding monthly fees for each of the Lower Cape towns. Several towns have been collecting fees, through Comcast as a pass-through to their subscribers, in anticipation of implementing local town channels (18). An increase of approximately \$4 / year from each Wellfleet subscriber, per our current contract with Comcast, could begin to be collected toward our own Wellfleet Channel.

Update from Orleans Cable Advisory Committee

The Orleans CAC recently submitted an advisory report to their selectmen regarding implementation of a channel 18 for Orleans, as well as updates on regional channel 17. The Orleans group is interested in meeting with other cable committees on the Lower Cape.

Update from Eastham Cable Advisory Committee

The Eastham CAC recently gave a short presentation at a selectmen's meeting. Eastham is working toward renewing their contract with Comcast this coming June and will request funding for their own town channel 18 as well as continuation of regional channel 17. Brian Eastman, chairman of ECAC, has indicated that they would also be interested in a regional meeting of the Lower Cape CAC's.

OLD BUSINESS

Possible Formation of a Lower Cape Cable Consortium

There seems to be general agreement among the cable advisory committees of the six Lower Cape towns to meet as a regional group to discuss issues of mutual interest. Buddy Perkel, member of Truro CAC, submitted a draft to invite two members from each of the Lower Cape CAC's to a preliminary meeting in January.

Friends of Lower Cape Community Media

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 AM at the Wellfleet Senior Center. The meeting scheduled for December 10 was postponed due to severe weather.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 2:00 PM, Wellfleet Library.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Messina, Secretary