

Minutes from Cable Committee  
Nov. 15, 2011  
8:00 AM City Hall

Present: Bob Belmore, Scott Smith, Bob Goldberg, Dennis Tsakiris, Chair, Bob Gibson, Bette Chamberlain, Attorney Robert Ciandella

Meeting started promptly at 8:00 A.M. Minutes from last meeting approved.

Attorney Ciandella led the opening discussion with his idea of a proposal for Comcast.

Any plan involving any franchise fee MUST be approved by City Council.  
Scott Smith will work with the numbers to determine how much a beginning franchise would be.

Plans were made for Scott Smith, Dennis Tsakiris and Bette Chamberlain to meet at the Career Tech Center with Pam Martin and possibly others to determine what would be needed to be able to broadcast from the Career Tech Center ( the cable drop is in place, but no connections or equipment). This meeting will hopefully be during the week following Thanksgiving.

The Committee agreed to ask City Council on Dec. 12, 2011 to consider the franchise fee question. Before that date, Scott and others will propose an exact %age and numbers for the request.

The old equipment from Comcast is available to us free but is in Pawtucket RI. Agreement that we will double check the list, determine what is useful and ask that it be shipped to City Hall.

Next meeting: Tuesday 8:30 AM City Hall. At this meeting we will know the disposition of the Council.

Adjourned at 9:02 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Chamberlain