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Cable Committee sub-committee discussions only for Cable Franchise Negotiations:

Present Chairman Will Ottery, Peter Buono, Heleen Kurk Chairman BOS, Brian Christian Comcast, Craig Slattum recording secretary

Brian Christian stated that they are two kinds of negotiations. The formal negotiations that involve attourneys and goes to Court or informal negotiations that involve just what is being done none in an informal settings with frank discussions. All negotiations must concider the future needs of the community for cable. Will Ottery asked if there was an accounting of the revenue the town receives. Brian Christian produced copies of the 2004 and 2005 revenue sheets and said he will get the 2006 for us. The franchise agrrement will be video only, channel selection, pricing, programming and technology as well as internet and telephone are not included.

Any contract has to have either an Assertainment Hearing or a Public Hearing. Negotiations can include paying an employee from franchise fees, equipmnent grants, or other needs. Peter Bouno asked if we can have a commitment of service and costumer service in the contract. Brian Christian said it can but we respond promptly now and asked if we ever get complaints. Will Ottery asked if any part of the town is not being serviced and Brian Christian said he would check. Peg Channels, access, and franchise fees can be negotiated, but franchise fees are directly passed to the costomer. Peter Bouno asked is we can have a stipulation that states Comcast has to keep up with technology. The answer was it could be discussed.

Heleen Kurk asked if contracts were public and if we could get copies of other towns and Brian Christian will get Pembrook and others. There was discussion on Enterprise Funds and how other towns fund their Cable.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday April 10, 2007.
Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM