



**Portsmouth
Cable Commission Meeting
3:30 p.m. – October 2, 2008
City Hall/City Manager’s Conference Room**

The Portsmouth Cable Commission met on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order** - The following were present:
- John Bohenko, City Manager
 - John Gregg, Chairman
 - Louis Vinciguerra, Commissioner
 - Kathy Pearce, Commissioner
 - Nancy Beach, Commissioner

Also present were Alan Brady, City of Portsmouth Communications Supervisor.

Chairman John Gregg called the meeting to order at approximately 3:35 p.m.

- II. Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2008** – Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the September 8, 2008 Cable Commission meeting. Motion passed.

- III. Informational Item** – “Preparing for the Broadcast (DTV) Transition” Thursday, Oct. 9, 6:30 pm, City Hall in Council Chambers - Alan Brady had a brief conversation with Jay Somers of Comcast discussing the October 9th meeting. There will be one table with chairs, Mr. Somers will speak from the podium, with a floating microphone available to the audience for asking questions. It will be informal and will be on Channel 22 and the City’s website. Mr. Somers will bring a projection unit. The Chair will introduce Jay who will then have a chance to make comments on the conversion process and will also have a conversion box and explain how it works. The Chair felt it would be wise to have people sign in. The City Manager referred to frequently asked questions and suggested Comcast provide pamphlets with answers to the most frequently questions. The City Manager suggested placing a sign in the Library notifying people of the Informational Meeting. The Chair asked about setting time limits for speakers. The City Manager suggested waiting to see how many people we have and then recommended that everybody speak once, then have them speak a second time around and then a third time around.

Nancy Beach reported that she spoke with a representative from Public Housing who thanked us. As a result of Suzanne Woodland’s letter to Comcast that the residents of Public Housing don’t have the money to go from paying \$15.00/mo. to \$55.00/mo. which it would have been are now receiving a converter box forever.

The Chair referred to the final version of the contract with Comcast that will be given to City Council prior to our meeting with Council on October 20th. The Committee members will receive a copy prior to the October 20th meeting with Council.

- IV. **Non-Public Session with Legal Counsel** – Suzanne Woodland was unable to be present. The Chair asked if the members were agreeable to an additional meeting of the Cable Commission October 23rd at 3:30 p.m.

- V. **Adjournment - MOTION** made by Nancy Beach to adjourn. Seconded by Kathy Pearce. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine E. Boucas