

## Portsmouth Cable Commission Meeting 3:30 p.m. – January 14, 2009 City Hall/City Manager's Conference Room

The Portsmouth Cable Commission met on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

**I.** Call to Order - The following were present:

John Bohenko, City Manager John Gregg, Chairman Kathy Pearce, Commissioner Brian Gregg, Commissioner Nancy Beach, Commissioner Gary Lowe, Commissioner

Also present was Suzanne Woodland, Assistant City Attorney.

Chairman John Gregg called the meeting to order at approximately 3:45 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes – December 4, 2008 – MOTION** made by Brian Gregg to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2008 meeting. Seconded by Nancy Beach. Motion passed.

- II. Informational Item FairPoint. Suzanne Woodland reported the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with FairPoint has been executed. Fairpoint has reached agreements with Eliot and Kittery. A letter was received from FairPoint suggesting they meet with the City Manager, Alan Brady, John Gregg and Suzanne at the end of January, beginning of February to give us an update. Suzanne has received telephone calls from interested citizens and referred them to FairPoint. It appears to be going forward.
- III. The Chair reported that he had been in contact with Mitch Shuldman, President of the School Board, who indicated that while the board would not be able to reply by mid January regarding their interest in launching an Educational Access Channel, he did expect to pursue this topic and would be establishing a committee to do so.
- IV. The Chair gave a brief background of the last meeting when it was agreed to explore setting up a trust for monies for support of PEG Access. Suzanne Woodland then discussed features and options for setting up such a trust and asked the Commission for feedback. It was agreed the discussion would be continued at the January 22 planning meeting.
- V. The Commission then discussed plans for a 5 hour planning meeting on January 22 to be held in Conference Room A of City Hall.

Due to a conflict for the Chair, the date of next meeting will be changed. It will be held on March 19, 2009.

V. Adjournment - MOTION made by Brian Gregg to adjourn. Seconded by Nancy Beach. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine E. Boucas