



**Portsmouth
Cable Commission Meeting
3:30 p.m. – January 6, 2010
City Hall/City Manager’s Conference Room**

The Portsmouth Cable Commission met on Thursday, January 6, 2010 at 3:35 p.m.

- I.** Call to Order - The following were present:
John Gregg, Chairman
Nancy Beach, Commissioner
Brian Gregg, Commissioner

Also present was Suzanne Woodland, Asst, City Attorney and Alan Brady, Communication Supervisor.

Excused Absence: Kathy Pearce. Absent; Bill Southworth

Chairman John Gregg called the meeting to order at approximately 3:40 p.m.

- II.** **Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2009** – The minutes of the December 10th meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

Public Access Preparation for the Informational Meeting to be held on January 19th – Commission members reported on efforts they made to get the word out about applying for Portsmouth Public Media board of directors. Efforts included personal contacts, emails to attendees of the Ascertainment Hearings, Facebook, and Twitter. The Chair contacted the Portsmouth Herald and was encouraged to write an Op Ed article which he did. In addition, Adam Leech, of the Herald, is planning on doing a story on Public Access.

Discussion regarding the agenda for the January 19 informational meeting resulted in agreeing to make a short PowerPoint presentation, create handouts of the PowerPoint slides and a list of information sources regarding Public Access. It was also agreed to have copies of the bylaws available if needed. Alan Brady agreed to contact Dottie Grover of NHCCM to see if she or another member would be willing to join the meeting to answer questions.

Suzanne Woodland will not be available for the February 3rd meeting and suggested looking at the applications that have come in and make some initial determinations in terms of who to interview. She suggested that the Commission use the February 3 Commission meeting to look at the applications and decide how to move forward with an interviewing process. Tentatively, the date of Thursday, February 11th was set aside for interviewing: 3:00pm to 5:00pm and 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Regarding discussion of candidates, Suzanne Woodland suggested keeping minutes which record only action taken on individual candidates. She also recommended sealing the minutes until after approval of the entire board is obtained from the City Council.

III. Federal Regulatory Legislation - Brian Gregg gave a brief update on the CAP Act. Contacted Dottie Grover reported to him that the NHCCM has not taken regarding CAP but would be surprised if any community with PEG channels would be against the proposed legislation. After discussion, it was agreed to bring this topic back for discussion after completing the Portsmouth Public Media board.

The next meeting will be February 3, 2010 at 3:30 pm.

V. Adjournment