



**Portsmouth  
Cable Commission Meeting  
3:30 p.m. – December 7, 2006  
City Hall/City Manager's Conference Room**

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The Portsmouth Cable Commission met on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Also present were Alan Brady, City of Portsmouth Webmaster and Suzanne Woodland, Assistant City Attorney. Also present was Gary Lowe who is under consideration as an alternate member to be voted at the December 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

Chairman John Gregg called the meeting to order at approximately 4:05 p.m.

The Chair welcomed Gary Lowe who is in the process of being appointed by the City Council as an alternate commission member. Mr. Lowe reported that at one time he was on the Board of Directors of the PEG Access organization in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. He indicated that Matt Scott, their Director, would be happy to meet with this commission to discuss his budget and what it cost to evolve the Chelmsford capabilities.

- II. Update PEG Access** – The Chair thanked the Committee for a successful presentation to the City Council and asked for any thoughts on learning points, if any.

Louis Vinciguerra stated the Council seemed receptive to what we had to say and feels it is a learning process for everybody.

Brian Gregg also stated he felt they were receptive, did not hear any opposition and felt people seemed supportive to the capital improvement approach and felt Nancy's video was impressive and well received.

The Chair noted that Councilor Grasso was interested or concerned about the content of a public access channel and that Councilor Dwyer was interested in knowing more about survey results regarding the public's willingness to pay \$.75 to \$1.00. He indicated he would follow-up with her. The Chair asked for a copy of the minutes Council minutes. The City Manager suggested a DVD as work session notes are minimal and Alan Brady agreed to provide one.

- III. Approval of Minutes** - Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the November 2, 2006 Cable Commission meeting. Motion passed.

- IV. Other Items** - The Chair presented the Committee with Public Access Development Steps including a timetable and key milestones which would conclude with a Public Access

Channel going live in mid 2008. The Commission would work through the initial steps and a nonprofit board would work through the later ones if the City Council agreed to move forward. The Chair asked the Committee for endorsement of the basic steps and general time frame and how they would like to proceed. The City Manager felt it was a good template to start with - giving an action plan over the next couple of years. The City Manager suggested that the city staff prepare large notebooks that can be used to organize documents to be studied by the Commission over the course of the development plan.

**MOTION** made by Louis Vinciguerra to adopt the Chair's Development Steps. Seconded by Brian Gregg. Motion passed.

At the January meeting, the Chair would like the Commission to discuss the first step of the development plan: How grand, How Fast? Alan Brady will work with the Chair to collect relevant information prior to the January meeting.

Louis Vinciguerra inquired as to how the Educational Channel would be brought forth. The Chair will speak with Dr. Lister to see what his timetable is and how he would like to work with us. The City Manager suggested when talking with Dr. Lister to suggest that a three member sub-committee of the School Board be established to work in developing the Educational Channel.

The City Manager also suggested that in order to keep the public involved in the process, the Committee may want sometime to host a round table discussion.

**MOTION** made by Brian Gregg to go into non-public session. Seconded by Louis Vinciguerra. Motion passed.

The Commission then went into non-public session.

**MOTION** made by Brian Gregg to come out of non-public session. Seconded by Louis Vinciguerra. Motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2007 at 3:30 p.m.

**IV. Adjournment – MOTION** to adjourn made by Louis Vinciguerra. Seconded by Brian Gregg. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine E. Boucas