



**Portsmouth
Cable Commission Meeting
3:30 p.m. – January 10, 2008
City Hall/City Manager's Conference Room**

The Portsmouth Cable Commission met on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

Call to Order - The following were present:

John Gregg, Chairman
City Manager John Bohenko
Louis Vinciguerra, Commissioner
Brian Gregg, Commissioner
Kathy Pearce

Also present were Alan Brady, City of Portsmouth Webmaster and Suzanne Woodland, Assistant City Attorney.

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

Approval of Minutes - Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the December 6, 2007 Cable Commission meeting. Motion passed.

Comcast – Alan Brady reported he received a couple of complaints regarding billing after upgrading to digital service with a converter box. He referred these to Comcast and was quite satisfied with the speed of their response.

Kathy Pearce received an inquiry from a Newcastle woman who returned a piece of equipment approximately 15 years ago and was charged for it until quite recently. Comcast has told her they will only refund the past 6 months. Suzanne Woodland suggested Kathy direct this to Comcast and let him handle situation - particularly as she is a Newcastle resident.

The Chair raised the topic of conversion of all analog to digital in February 2009. Suzanne Woodland stated that Jay Sommers offered to meet with us and review the whole process of the conversion after he is trained by Comcast in the next couple months. The conversion will happen the day after Superbowl. One concern Comcast has is that it will be a small segment of the population (older people) will have antenna reception, not get the word about upgrading, be confused, and get a blank screen on conversion day. The Chair suggested preparing a list of questions (and eventually answers) that we have and send them to Comcast for discussion when they meet with us. The Chair asked Kathy Pearce if she would be the point person on this and asked other Commission members to send their questions to her.

Louis Vinciguerra asked if Comcast subscribers who now have a converter box will have to pay for it after the full conversion to digital. The Chair suggested putting this into our questions to Comcast.

Other – The chair asked for an update on the Fairpoint status. Suzanne Woodland stated there was nothing new to report, but she anticipates the deal with eventually go through.

MOTION made by Brian Gregg to go into non-public session. Seconded by Kathy Pearce. Motion passed.

Non-Public Session (meeting with Legal Counsel)

MOTION made by Brian Gregg to go back into public session. Seconded by Kathy Pearce. Motion passed.

Adjournment - MOTION made by Louis Vinciguerra. Seconded by Kathy Pearce. Motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine E. Boucas