



**Portsmouth  
Cable Commission Meeting  
3:30 p.m. – April 9, 2009  
City Hall/City Manager’s Conference Room**

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The Portsmouth Cable Commission met on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

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

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

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

**Approval of Minutes – March 19, 2009 – MOTION** made by Brian Gregg to approve the minutes March 19, 2009 meeting. Seconded Kathy Pearce. Motion passed.

**Portsmouth Housing Authority / Comcast Update** – Suzanne Woodland reported she spoke with Comcast regarding their failure to follow through on their promise to install digital access boxes free of charge for residents. She was advised Comcast has shifted their focus toward negotiating new bulk rate pricing with the PHA which would provide free boxes for one year and then a substantial price increase. She will follow up with PHA authorities and then send a letter to Comcast documenting the city’s position.

**Discussion: PEG Access** – The Commission discussed plans for individually contacting City Council members for purposes of ascertaining their thoughts regarding establishing and funding a charitable trust that would support a public access channel. Responsibilities were agreed upon and the goal of completing the conversations over the next month was established.

**Non Public Session (meeting with Legal Counsel)**

**MOTION** made by Kathy Pearce to go into non-public session. Seconded by Nancy Beach. Motion passed.

The Commission then went into non-public session.

**MOTION** made by Nancy Beach to go back into public session. Seconded by Brian Gregg. Motion passed

**Other Business**

Kathy Pearce reported she had received an e-mail from Bob Lister to get people together to discuss the educational access channel prior to his retirement.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2009.

**Adjournment - MOTION** made by Kathy Pearce to adjourn. Seconded by Brian Gregg. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine E. Boucas