



**Portsmouth
Cable Commission Meeting
3:30 p.m. – November 12, 2009
City Hall/City Manager’s Conference Room**

The Portsmouth Cable Commission met on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

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

Also present were Suzanne Woodland, Asst, City Attorney and Alan Brady, Communication Supervisor and Glenn Gardner.

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

- II.** **Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2009 - MOTION** made by Nancy Beach to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2009 meeting after replacing the word “appointed” with the word “nominated” in the motion made by Brian Gregg. Seconded by Bill Southworth. Motion passed.

Public Access Development – Suzanne Woodland updated the Commission regarding the forthcoming meeting with City Council. Suzanne Woodland stated that the City Manager prepared comments for the City Council advising them there will be a presentation at the next Council meeting. The Chair is prepared to provide the presentation, giving them an update. We are asking the Council to consider taking action on two motions at their December 7 meeting: to continue to move forward with the establishment of a non-profit including having the Cable Commission identify a slate of Portsmouth Public Media board members that would be ratified at a later meeting, and to authorize the City Manager to make available one of the access channels when the nonprofit organization is established.

Regarding a question raised at the previous commission meeting, Suzanne Woodland stated that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has a summary on its website of how obscene is defined by the Supreme Court. It is a definition used to set the framework for their rules and regulations. Nancy Beach suggested adding reference to this on the proposed Producer’s Agreement i.e. obscene as defined by the FCC.

The Chair presented the Committee with a draft application form for soliciting Board of Directors. The Chair asked for comments. Bill Southworth commented on the application referring to the two lines stating “video technology and communication industry” and

suggesting it might make sense to make “media” for one and “internet/communications” for the other and perhaps a block underneath to elaborate on specific experience.

Kathy Pearce suggested several grammatical edits.

The Chair asked Alan Brady if it would be possible to post application information on the city website, if the application could feature the city logo, and if the return address could be the City Hall. Alan Brady will ask the City Manager. The Commission discussed having an informational meeting for applicants sometime in January at the library. The date of January 14 was tentatively selected and the next Cable Commission meeting date was moved from the 14th to January 7 in order to prepare. A sub-committee of Alan and the Chair was appointed to wrap up these details.

Alliance for Community Media – Brian Gregg referenced material available from the Alliance for Community Media regarding a bill proposed to Congress in support of PEG access. He offered to provide links to this material to all Commission members, and it was agreed to discuss the matter at the next Commission meeting. Suzanne Woodland suggested the Commission may wish to consider asking the City Council asking for their support in adopting a resolution in favor of the proposed legislation.

The next meeting will be December 10, 2009 at 3:30 pm.

V. Adjournment