

/Barnstable Cable TV Advisory Committee

December 5, 2013

Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall

1. Meeting called to order at 3:00PM. In attendance: Chair Nancy Richard, Committee members Richard Bacchiocchi, Robert Dwyer, Suzanne Ried, and Thomas Terry, Ann Canady Cable TV Liaison to Town Council, Tom Lynch Town Administrator, Mark Milne, Finance Director, Sara Colvin Channel 18 Producer, Dan Wood Town of Barnstable IT Director.
2. Motion to accept minutes from September 20, 2013. Dwyer/Bacchiocchi approved.
3. No complaints from Subscribers received for this period
4. Sarah Colvin presented short video overview of public access news programs Barnstable This Morning and Barnstable Today. Programing for Barnstable This Morning includes comments by town officials, special events, local attractions, etc. Barnstable Today covers board meeting, commission meeting and large impact meetings, etc. Future programing topics discussed included expanding to include Town Council topics, "Meet the Chair" videos, quality of life topics, for example. Topics must be news worthy, issue driven. Tom Lynch commented topics and delivery are very professional.
5. Mark Milne presented Town of Barnstable 5 year budget projection for cable license fees and spending plan. Fiscal year 2014 will break even. Fiscal years 2015-2018 will show surplus. Capital improvement/replacement expenditure for CH22 not required after 2014. Some of surplus allotted to fund to self insure Barnstable Fiber Optic Network (BFON). Interest earned on balance of this fund is directed to the general fund per Mass General Law. Nancy Richard expressed concern with balance to insure BFON. Comcast may have issue with fees collected from subscribers to self insure private network. Nancy will research. Tom Lynch stated Town Council is understanding about commitment of funds to budget.
6. Dan Wood is working to solicit bids to reduce the internet access charge by reducing access points from three vendors to one. Potential saving could be 50%. Fiber construction is complete to schools and government buildings and is working properly. Future plans for the network will include telecommunications for town entities.
7. Nancy asked if committee can tour school video and channel 22 for next meeting.
8. No unfinished business.
9. No new business.
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:50P