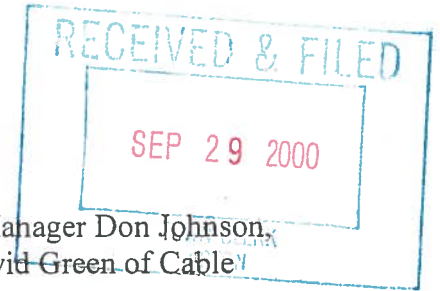


**SELECTMEN'S MINUTES**  
**June 29, 2000**



**Present:** F. Dore' Hunter, Peter Ashton, Herman Kabakoff, Town Manager Don Johnson, Cable Advisory Chairman John Covert, Atty. William Solomon, David Green of Cable Vision, Laura Hirsch and Peter Robinson.

Discussion prior to arrival of William Solomon with new license (contract).

Dore' Hunter – David Green reasonable to deal with for government relations.

Herman Kabakoff – Concerned about losing David Green.

John Covert – David Green may be kept on, If we have local hearing we get to run it. Regional hearing has been moved to Maynard.

John Covert – Feels the contract is good. Inet, renewal, rebuilt system, 4 chanel, upstream system so we can originate from anywhere in town with 90 day notice. Worth 100's of thousands. I stands for institutional.

Don Johnson – The INet can originate any where in town from 4 other locations over life of contract.

John Covert – For government of school traffic only. 5% Franchise fee for internet service, got rid of language.

Herman Kabakoff – Are we done when Bill arrives?

John Covert – New issues surfaced today from lawyer in NY, Marty Green.

Don Johnson – Received last week Friday, special relief for CableVision. Gave to John Covert to read over.

Don Johnson – re. Public safety – No report yet.

John – New FCC ruling – Is in consumers interest. It will make it possible to buy your own cable box. Cable Vision asking for waiver because of timing. We should take no action. FCC will handle.

Peter Ashton – Complaint to John Covert regarding. Switching cable boxes. Had to go all the way to Hudson and one does not work so has to go to Hudson again. Will need to change old splitters with new system.

Herman Kabakoff to John Covert – What 5 things did Bill call you about this week.

John Covert – 5% cap, number of days of advance notice to have other location, number of drops paid for in school buildings, maintenance of drops. Pay for out of Tech.

fund. Give up on 5% business, from 100,000 to 125,000. Capped by state to .50 per subscriber. Federal allows 5%.

Herman Kabakoff - \$150,000 per year revenue to Town for internet service.

John Covert – Town could charge for right of way.

Don Johnson - \$75,000 to \$100,000 income for Town from Technological side.

Don Johnson – To Peter Ashton re. DiDuca, spoke with Doug and Roland – have thoughts, will Email to Peter.

6:35PM – William Solomon arrives.

Bill Solomon – Thank you to the Cable Advisory Committee, they did most of the work. Benefit to Town of Acton, best in the Commonwealth. Great work by John Covert and Tera Frederichs. Allows schools and Town to transfer information among locations. Town will take internet from Merrimack. \$110,000 of equipment plus another \$50,000. We Select equipment. Maintenance by Cable Company. 3% paid to Town. How 3% used will be decided by Selectmen. This license provides more for every ones needs. License sets parameters of what events are covered. Senior discount of \$2.00 with Cablevision. Will increase to 10% with AT&T. Bill would like the Selectmen and Town Manager to sign tonight and then Cable Vision will sign in the morning (has letter from atty. in NY authorizing Cable Vision to sign) and then Bill will sign.

6:50PM Peter move we approve contract, (116 pages).

Bill Solomon gives letter from Cablevision and AT&T to Selectmen. License does not authorize or prohibit Town Management of right of way.

Herman Kabakoff – Second earlier motion by Peter Ashton to sign contract.

Dore' Hunter – Motion made and seconded, all in favor say aye. All said aye. Motion passed. At this point contract was signed by Selectmen and Town Manager.

Dore' Hunter – At the next meeting we should get the Beacon reporter to attend so that word can get out about this.

Bill Solomon – Re. Regional Hearing, David Green says that it would be practical to partake in the regional hearing. Local concerns should be met.

Peter Ashton – Motion to attend regional meeting.

Herman Kabakoff – Second motion to attend regional meeting.

Dore' Hunter – Motion made and seconded to attend regional meeting, all in favor say aye. All said aye. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Donna Rochette  
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William Shupert  
William Shupert, Clerk

9/26/00  
Date