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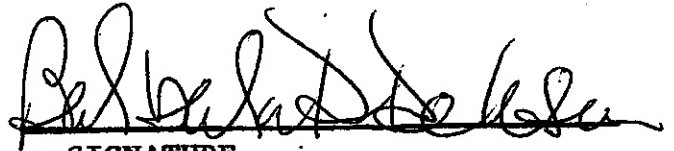
## Meeting Notice

Cable Advisory Committee

Place of Meeting EAST Room

Date & Time Feb 7, 2017 Tues 7PM

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CAC Agenda February 7, 2017

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- I. Review of minutes from previous meeting
- II. Meeting with Mark Rees Update and introduction of Cable Access Director Bobby Brusco at 7:10
- III. Continued discussion of PEG matters
  - A. Equipment needs and acquisition timelines
  - B. Studio Concerns'/RFP status
  - C. Update on Directors activities since his arrival and during January and Issues he identifies as needing address
- IV. 7:45 Appointment with Charles Tappa of Pro Sound re auditorium sound enhancement
- V. Continued discussion of timetable planning for license
- VI. Any other business not anticipated prior to meeting agenda
- VII. Set next meeting date



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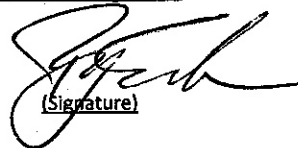
## Minutes of Meeting

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### Cable Advisory Committee

FAIRHAVEN,  
MASS.

PLACE OF MEETING: **Town Hall Banquet Room**  
DATE AND TIME: **February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.**  
MEETING OF: **Cable Advisory**

  
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3-7-2017

(Date Signed)

Present: Barbara Acksen, Ex-officio: Selectman Bob Espindola, John Methia, Ronnie Medina  
Absent: Michael Merrolla

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M

Meeting notes from the January 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting were reviewed.

John Methia motioned to approve, as amended to correct list of attendees. He was not present.  
Ronnie Medina seconded  
There was no further discussion  
The motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Acksen introduced new Government / Public Access Director Bobby Brusco.

He reviewed the status of the equipment and said that it basically "all needs to go".  
He said that he planned to order new equipment in the next several weeks that would serve the current needs and allow for future additions as new needs arise.

John Methia reiterated statements made in prior meetings that a main objective should be lighting the Public Access channel.

Bob Espindola explained that Attorney Solomon had no update yet on "ascertainment" documents from the last renewal process. He will send documents at a later date. Target to develop budgets remains end of March.

Bob Espindola explained that there has been a delay with the \$45,000 dollars appropriated at Town Meeting last year for a Facilities assessment since no bids were received under that amount. He said Mr. Rees is working to find an alternate way to fund that type of study.

Bobby Brusco mentioned that he may be purchasing a Castus system at this point.

John Methia mentioned that the Town may want to consider a multi-camera production truck for portability, like some other communities have.

He said that Steve Ryse, from would be a good resource to learn about that because he runs that type of operation Fall River. John said that such a van could include a logo for advertising Public Access.

Barbara Acksen introduced Mr. Charlie Tapper from Pro Sound Service who, thanks to the assistance of Mr. Fostin, had studied the Town Hall auditorium to determine what types of upgrades could be done – potentially with Cable subscription fees on the basis of Government meetings being held, at times, in the auditorium.

Mr. Tapper distributed a quotation that had technical details and estimated costs for equipment.

He said the system could be set up as “building block form” where more could be built out at a later date.

He said the acoustics in the auditorium were a significant challenge but that the equipment he selected, he has used in similar settings with good results, including the Congregational Church on Center Street in Fairhaven (next door to the Town Hall).

He said the speaker system would be designed to aim the sound in specific areas, at people and away from hard, reflective surfaces like flooring, walls and ceiling.

He said the nature of this project at the Town hall presented some problems from a labor standpoint. First, labor must be considered at prevailing wages, a significant increase over non-prevailing wage projects. Second, he said that access to bring staging in would be an issue given the elevator is not a freight elevator (passenger only) and they would have to carry staging up a couple flights of stairs to the auditorium.

His design incorporated two (2) speakers up front and another two (2) speakers half way back in the room. Sound would be aimed at the front and back rows.

The speakers were JBL and provide very accurate sound reproduction.

Mr. Tapper said that computer simulations could be done to predict performance for the

quipment chosen for the space.

Broadcast sound would be considered (for Government Access coverage) as well as P.A. sound for those attending the event in person.

The system would include amplifiers and equalizers along with the speakers and would include a switching control device.

John Methia asked if the system could be set up with basic "Custodian Controls" such that anyone could operate with simple flip of a switch. Mr. Tapper said that the system would come with basic pre-sets to allow this but that it could also include a digital processor that would allow controls to switch over to a programmable mode for more technically advanced people to be able to run a full production.

Mr. Tapper said that Pro Sound Services would provide a warranty with the installation.

He said that a "mini stage rack" would be included at side stage right.

He said that CAT-5 cable could be run but the system could also be set up for 90% of its features to be controlled via wireless control (i.e. from IPAD or other portable device).

He described ADA compliance requirements for hearing impaired and said that, for a 100 seat room, typically would require four (4) belt packs and two (2) neck loops and another set for each additional twenty-five (25) people in the design basis.

Pricing for the sound system seems to be in the range of \$35,000 - \$40,000 depending on some of the assumptions made. After listening to various needs, concerns and suggestions, Mr. Tapper indicated he would go back and revise his quotation to more accurately reflect the intent.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

John Methia made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 P.M.

Ronnie Medina seconded.

There was no further discussion

The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Bob Espindola, acting Secretary