

Hampton Cable Committee  
Meeting Minutes 8/1/2016

In Attendance: Brian McCain, Lee Lowney, Bill Lowney, Pete Reed, Paul Paquette, Brad Jette

Meeting Called to order- 6:15 P.M.

Agenda:

1. Upgrade studio to HD

- Increase quality on the viewer screens – what we have is currently fine for tube TV but for flat screens it does not have enough pixels.
- Brian has only received 1 bid for this upgrade from Access A/V, he has emailed another company in Massachusetts, however they have not responded. The email was sent 2 weeks ago
- The portable unit we are using is 15 years old.
- The quote received was for \$31,060.00 however this should not be this high as we are already wired – it would also be a direct feed to studio.

It was noted there are no very many company's in this line of work. We could buy from B&H this is a catalog which would require us to install and we do not have the manpower to do so.

Bill suggested adding lighting – bulbs etc. Studio lighting is very expensive.  
Pete stated if we redo studio we should obtain a sixth camera.

Motion to continue researching upgrades to HD

Motion by Bill

Seconded by Peter

All in favor

2. Replacement of live broadcast equipment

This equipment is used to film live productions. Deliberative Session, Sports, Talent Contest, Christmas Parade etc.

Paul looks at both Leightronics and Qvidium.

Qvidium is now building encoders, these are HD and SD approximately \$3000.00. Qvidium is said to be more robust. We currently have 2 decoders. We will test in January. These would need to be purchased soon.

Motion to purchase a new Qvidium for Aprox \$ 3000.00

Motion by Paul

Second by Bill

Comment by Brad- why would we purchase Amino if we have had issues in the past? They run hot and the last one sent for repair could not be fixed?

Paul- Qvidium is a different manufacturer.

All in favor

3. Channel 22 T-shirts and Jackets

Bill and Pete will get a sampling of styles we can choose from. More to come on this subject. It should be noted that not all members have shirts or jackets to wear to events and some are wearing "used t-shirts" from past members.

4. Replacing audience chairs in Town Hall meeting room. These chairs are about 40 years old sagging and uncomfortable.

Discussion followed with the following notes:

- Seems odd that channel 22 would be purchasing Capitol Equipment
- This would open a can of worms for us to have to purchase other Capitol Equipment

Tabled discussion

5. Other

Pete- Facebook is up and running.

Filming- Brian has not found one yet is still looking.

Wireless Camera- Can we test it somehow? The green bar is caused by converting – could be WIFI is fighting this process.

Brad- should he be filling time using some SAU 90 shows on 22? All agreed to do this as it is difficult sometimes to fill up schedule.

Part-Time Position- Still in Limbo. Brian will be meeting with Selectmen for discussion and approval to move on.

Bill- Status of Channel 13 studio? John is on vacation returning 8/13, Brian will follow up.

Lee- Camera platform, Brian will research.

Motion to Adjourn

Made by Pete

Second Bill

All in favor