

## Cable TV Committee

February 11

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Present:** Tina Cotton, Charlie Darling, Roger Godwin, Marilyn Gould

Roger reports that the new franchise agreement with Comcast is completely finished and has been signed by both parties.

The station has bought Rich Holzer's used digital video camera as a back-up for our existing digital video camera. Tina used it to tape the recent School Board meeting and the results were fine.

We continue to have strange problems with both of our Macintosh computers. Charlie and Tina will try to find a Macintosh repair person who will come to the station and help us figure out the problems.

Roger will contact the candidates for Selectman and for Road Agent about appearing in a question-and-answer "meet the candidates" program for Channel 8. He will also approach Charlie McCrave about being the question-asker.

Charlie reports that he was indeed able to write a program that greatly simplified the process of loading digital programs into the digital media server.

The committee directed Charlie to talk with Emily Frazier, who was suggested to us as someone who might be able to help us understand

some of the digital conversion issues that we're still struggling with. He will explain to her what our problems are and see if she sounds like she can help.

Tina reports that MVHS is getting more involved with video and may have programs that they'll send us.

Charlie reported that he met with George Packard, our videographer consultant, and Robin Boynton and Joanna Sumner, both of the Andover Historical Society, to discuss the Welcome To Andover project. George presented a rough storyboard and, based on feedback from Robin and Joanna, has subsequently refined the storyboard so it can be presented for approval to Pat Cutter, the president of the Historical Society. Once the storyboard is approved, George will start preparing to shoot the video.

Roger received a letter from Carol Guptill detailing some unsatisfactory customer service she received from Comcast. Roger will forward the letter to Lisa Birmingham at Comcast, who is our contact there.

Charlie has figured out how to create an "emergency crawl" on Channel 8. This will be very useful in the event of flooding or other emergencies. The only problem is that the crawl doesn't appear when the Community Bulletin Board is airing, but that problem will go away when we switch to a new approach to the bulletin board, which Charlie is working on.

## Andover Historical Society

By Joanna Sumner  
Andover Historical Society

Now is a great time to become a member of the Andover Historical Society.

We have a lot of exciting activities lined up this year. In the spring, we will have two guest speakers, Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith, who will make a presentation called *I Doctored Myself*. Learn how frontier women practiced medicine on themselves, their families, and their communities. Then there will be the visit from the elementary school children.

In the summer we will enjoy a Shaw Brother's concert. Come and listen to their native state songs such as *New Hampshire Naturally*, *The Ballad of the Concord Coach*, and *All Along the Merrimack*. In August, of course, will be

our annual fair, flea market, and auction.

Also during the summer, we keep the railroad museum and Emon's store open every weekend for visitors. The exhibit in the museum this year will feature *The Camps of Andover*. Emon's store is a great place to see how an old general store looked and to buy a small gift.

Our last event in October will be a presentation by Dr. Robert Goodby on Abenaki history. Archaeological evidence shows their deep presence here, inches below the earth's surface. Everyone is encouraged to bring in any artifacts, and Dr. Goodby can identify them and value them for you.

Stop by the Historical Society's table on Town Meeting Day and join our organization. Become an active member and share in our fun and hard work.

## History of Recreation In The Lake Sunapee Area

The Kearsarge/Sunapee Region has been attracting visitors for more than 100 years. The Barn Playhouse; The Fells; the New London, Newbury, and Sunapee Historical Societies; and the Lake Sunapee Protection Association have once again joined to present a series of programs and exhibits in 2008.

This exciting and informative history series highlights where our summer guests stayed, how they arrived, and some of the activities they enjoyed while here. These events highlight the rich history of this region and include talks, exhibits, and special events.

The series kicks off in March with: *A Woman That Keeps Good Orders: Women, Tavern Keeping, and Public Approval*

A lecture by Dr. Marcia Schmidt

Blaine, Plymouth State University Thursday, March 27, at 6:30 PM for a dessert social; lecture at 7 PM

New London Historical Society, Meeting House, 179 Little Sunapee Road, New London

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