

Ordinance

Community Access Television of New Gloucester, Maine

Section I Establishment and Purpose

There shall be Community Access Television in New Gloucester, herein referred to as NGTV. The components of NGTV shall be Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) Access administered by the New Gloucester Cable Television Committee.

The New Gloucester Cable Television Committee shall be responsible for providing the citizens of New Gloucester with coverage of public, educational and government meetings and events.

Section II Members Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

- A. The New Gloucester Cable Television Committee shall consist of up to seven (7) members, residents of the town, appointed at large by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee shall be responsible to the Board of Selectmen for the legal and proper management of NGTV.
- B. The term of office for each committee member shall be three years. Committee appointments shall be established so that no more than 3 members' terms expire in the same year.
- C. Membership may be terminated by majority vote of the Board of Selectmen, or a member's written resignation to the Board of Selectmen. Any vacancy occurring on the Committee shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired portion of the term.
- D. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be selected and approved from within and by the New Gloucester Cable Television Committee.

Section III Committee's Responsibility for Citizen Participation

The New Gloucester Cable Television Committee is authorized and responsible for recruitment, training and supervision of volunteers for NGTV. All functions shall be in accordance with Bylaws adopted by the New Gloucester Cable Television Committee as approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Section IV Financial Procedures

The Committee through the Town and Board of Selectmen is authorized to receive donations and contributions for the purpose of operating, maintaining and expanding NGTV. Recognition may be given by appropriate acknowledgements to the sources of partial funding, provided that all receipts and expenditures shall be included within the budget approved by the Board of Selectmen within the fiscal year of the Town of New Gloucester.

Section V Volunteer Personnel

- A. No member of the Committee shall receive compensation for services or reimbursement for expenses other than those for supplies, equipment purchases or other appropriate expenses authorized by the Town Manager. Committee members may be reimbursed for expenses incurred when attending educational programs authorized by the Town Manager.
- B. No person at NGTV shall receive payment for work or services rendered unless first approved by the Committee, the Town Manager, and the Board of Selectmen. Any such payments shall be disbursed through the Town of New Gloucester contingent on availability of funds within the NGTV budget.

Section VI Ownership of Property

- A. All equipment, materials and supplies procured, donated or received by the Committee shall upon receipt become the property of the Town of New Gloucester.
- B. The Town of New Gloucester and NGTV volunteers individually shall be held harmless for the damage or wear and tear of any privately owned equipment and supplies used in conjunction with NGTV.

Section VII Announcements /Programs

Announcements and programming shall be reviewed by the Town Manager or designee.

Section VIII Compliance with All Laws

The New Gloucester Cable Television Committee and NGTV shall at all times comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, and orders.

Section IX Severability

Any section or provision of this ordinance found to be invalid shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the Ordinance.

Section X Amendments

This Ordinance may be amended, altered or repealed by vote at an annual or special Town Meeting.

Adopted May 4, 1998 Town Meeting

Amended May 3, 2010 Town Meeting, to become effective September 1, 2010