

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2004

Present: Ald. Johnson (Chair) Ald. Hess Mahan, vParker, Merrill, Coletti, Baker, and Fischman

Absent: Ald. Sangiolo

Also: Ald. Gerst. Mr. Collins (Chairman of the Insurance Advisory Committee, Springfield) Sandy Pooler (Chief Budget Officer) Victoria Danberg, (30 Chase Street, Newton Centre) Eileen McGettigan (Law Department) Theresa Parks (Planning)

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#91-04 RICHARD DYER, 10 Terrace Avenue, Newton appointed as a member of the NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION for a term of office expiring January 9, 2007 (60-day Board action date 4/2/04)

**ACTION:** **HELD 6-0 (PARKER NOT VOTING)**

**NOTE:** Since Mr. Dyer was not present and the practice of the Committee is to meet new appointments, the Committee voted hold 6-0.

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#92-04 SUSAN THOMAS, 60 Moffat Road, Newton appointed as a member of the NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term of office expiring January 1, 2007 (60-day Board action date 4/2/04)

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 7-0**

**NOTE:** Ms. Thomas joined the Committee for this discussion. She became a member the Advisory Board in 1998. She has been active in issues of social justice for about 45 years. Ms. Thomas brought an exhibit called, "Of many colors, Portraits of Multi-Racial Families" to Newton. She attended a workshop given by Michael Feldstein and at that workshop for parents; she met members of the Newton Human Rights Commission and was introduced to their work. She is excited about new programs on racism and white privilege.

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#93-04 SONA PETROSSIAN, 71 E.Quinobequin Road Newton appointed as a member of the NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term of office expiring January 1, 2007 (60-day Board action date 4/2/04).

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 7-0**

**NOTE:** Ms. Petrossian has lived in Newton for 21 years and has always been involved in the Human Rights Commission. In the past, she ran a Social Service Center in Watertown for eight years and worked with many agencies. Ms. Petrossian said she is heavily involved in bringing in exhibits on the Holocaust and Genocide. The Committee voted 7-0 to approve her appointment.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#94-04 BRENDA KRASNOW, 71 Stuart Street, Newton re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term of office expiring April 1, 2005. (60-day Board action date 4/2/04).

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 7-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#95-04 MURIEL ESDALE, 125 Woodchester Road, Newton re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term of office expiring April 1, 2004 (60-day Board action date 4/2/04).

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 7-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#96-04 MARIANNE FERGUSON, 999 Washington Street, Newton re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term of office expiring April 1, 2004 (60-day Board action date 4/2/04).

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 7-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#97-04 PAUL HOLTZMAN, 61 Temple Street, Newton re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term of office expiring April 1, 2005 (60-day Board action date 4/2/04).

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 7-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#98-04 JUDY FISCHBACH, 688 Walnut Street, Newton as a member of the NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term of office expiring April 1, 2005 (60-day Board action date 4/2/04)

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 7-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#99-04 RAY FRIDMANN, 90 Rowena Road, Newton reappointed as a member of the NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term of office expiring September 1, 2005 (60-day Board action date 4/2/04)

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 7-0**

**NOTE:** Docket items #94-04, #95-04, #96-04, #97-04, #98-04, #99-04 were all reappointments to the Human Rights Commission. Documentation was made available in the packet and the Committee approved 7-0.

#61-04 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending GEORGE COREY, 65 Harding Street, West Newton be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 01/13/07 (60-day Board action date 3/20/04).

**ACTION:** NAN 7-0

**NOTE:** Since Mr. Corey was not present and documentation was not available, President Baker will resubmit Mr. Corey's reappointment

#122-04 PRES. BAKER requesting an amendment to the Rules and Orders of the Board Art.V,Sec.2, Item B to extend the deadline to docket an item from 5 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, prior to the distribution of the docket.

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 7-0**

#28-04 ALD. BAKER proposing amendments to the Rules of the Board of Aldermen by consolidating Post Audit and Oversight into other committees.

**ACTION:** **HELD 7-0**

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#503-03 ALD. PARKER AND STEWART requesting discussion of the possibility of including re-importation of drugs from Canada in City of Newton health plans, as pioneered by the City of Springfield, MA.

**ACTION:** **HELD 7-0**

**NOTE:** **Introduction:** Ald. Stewart and Mr. Collins joined the Committee for this discussion. Ald. Parker explained that the City of Springfield has pioneered this idea in an organized way including in their municipal health plan a provision that allows the community to take advantage of the significantly less expensive prices of brand name prescription drugs that are purchased in Canada.

Ald. Parker noted there was a potential saving of 2.4 million dollars, including city side employees, school side employees and retirees. Mr. Collins said there was an 8% decrease in costs.

**Springfield's Use of the Prescription Drug Plan** The rules were waived to allow Mr. Collins to present written information. He explained the program was designed to give a financial incentive. The provider in Canada is about 30% to 80% cheaper. Each individual medication was

looked at and taking the price of the medication available from Canada, adding on associated handling fees, physician review in Canada and then added on a co-payment that the program would receive if purchased here. If it was cheaper than purchasing from the current sources, that medication was allowed to be in the plan. If the medication you are using is involved in that plan, your prescription is mailed in on a form that is a basic medical history and a limited Power of Attorney for the vendors to allow sharing the medical history with both a physician and a pharmacy to fill your prescription. The prescription is then mailed directly back to the employee's home so that no privacy rights are invaded. Refunds are allowed up to what would be paid within the plan. The program has been in place since October 1<sup>st</sup>. To date the savings are approximately 1 1/4 million. It is anticipated that this year there will be 4 million dollars in savings. This is a voluntary program that has union acceptance. All medicines come sealed directly from the factory. This program is only open to city employees and retirees.

**Liabilities of the Plan:** Ald. Fischman questioned if there would possibly be exposure to liability and Mr. Collins responded that the city has no contract with the vendor, the individual employee has an individual limited contract to have their medication supplied. It is required under this health plan and union contracts to reimburse those costs for medication that you get outside the system; liability does not seem to be a problem because it is the individual employee dealing with the company. The individual employee could have a liability issue. The FDA has made public statements that they would not go after individuals who purchase.

**Considerations being made in Newton:** Mr. Pooler stated the mail order system in Canada is presently being explored. A meeting has been set up with one vendor from a company in Detroit. Mr. Pooler said when the co-pays were raised this year, the mail order percentage went up from approximately 2% to 7% and within that group 15% of their prescriptions are now mail order. Mr. Pooler stated it was his understanding that generic drugs tend to be cheaper in this country than Canada whereas brand name drugs are cheaper in Canada than this country. Ultimately he said that any kind of system similar to this would be an add-on to any existing system we have. It would be an option that could save us money. March 18th is the scheduled meeting date for discussion with the Insurance Advisory Committee along with representatives of unions to discuss where we think health care is going. Any change would have to be negotiated in the coming year. Mr. Pooler questioned if the generic drug would have a price differential between Canadian and United States generics. The response was that Canada has far more generics than we do here. Springfield has approximately 20 to 25 that are available from

Canada that are cheaper; the rest of them are not cheaper when the co-pay is taken into consideration. Ald. Pooler asked about drug interactions and Mr. Collins said that Canada has the same computer software to do the screening.

Ald. Parker felt having the item before the Committee was helpful and hopefully would discuss this at another meeting. The Committee thanked Mr. Collins for his time.

#90-04 ALD. GERST seeking review of NewTV responsibilities and obligations pursuant to Newton Cable TV Agreement between City of Newton and Newton Communications Access Center Inc.

**ACTION:** HELD 6-0

**NOTE:** **Alderman Gerst's Opening Remarks:** He indicated that this is an issue of great concern to many individuals in the City of Newton as well as from outside the City. In this case, hundreds of people have asked the Board to act because they are concerned about the drift of New TV and in the view of many people is off of its original mission which is local access and local service into something else. There is presently a petition signed by 890 individuals. (Copy on file in Clerk's office) Ald. Gerst has found that there are 492 Newton petitioners and 398 other petitioners with a total of 890. This shows a large expression of concern.

NewTV Contract: At present there is no contract between Newton and New TV. The former contract expired on March 1, 2001. There was a successor contract proposed but it has not yet been executed. Ald. Gerst understood that NewTV has executed their portion but not the City. The City of Newton has the right to award the Community Television Broadcasting Service Agreement to an entity other than NewTV if the City wanted to do that. In this new contract, it would be perfectly acceptable to ask for any content, neutral restrictions on the mission of NewTV. In doing so, if we were to impose conditions, so long as they apply equally to all parties, there is no problem, but apparently other cities that operate these Cable TV entities do in fact define their mission separately and have the right to do so. The idea of NewTV was to send up to the broadcast world local ideas, rather than to take down from the broadcast world ideas, issues and problems that are already circulating and being broadcast one way or another.

NewTV Broadcasts: With respect to one of the broadcasts being shown on NewTV, there is a component called "Al-ManarAl-Manar" which is the broadcast voice Hezbollah. Hezbollah is a terrorist organization. Ald. Gerst stated that Hezbollah is specifically identified in Executive Order of

2001 as one of a number of extraordinary organizations. There is a very tiny group of entities, which are different, at least in the view of our government. Hezbollah is one of them; Al-Manar is their television station. Al-Manar is a component of Mosaic, which is presently carried on NewTV.

Ald. Vance asked Ald. Gerst if this "Mosaic" program is currently being broadcast through any other cable stations currently. Ald. Gerst said he understood that some other cable access stations do pick it up and is also on the Internet.

Ald. Hess-Mahan asked if the resolution proposed by Ald. Gerst would essentially keep NewTV from broadcasting "Mosaic". It was a great concern of Ald. Hess-Mahan to single out a show and he strongly supported the issues of free speech and the right of the press.

Restrictions that Might Apply: In November of 2003, the US Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Controls issued a letter regarding a situation much like the situation with Al-Manar. A ruling was sought on whether an article on chemistry could be published submitted by an author who lived in Iran. The Treasury Department said while we impose no restrictions whatever on intellectual content coming from those countries and there is no problem with that. There is, however; a problem of rendering any service to an author from those countries because doing so, editing, changing a comma, titling, translating re-contextualized the item could change or modify its meaning and that could a render a service to an embargoed country and that is specifically what the Executive order prohibits. There is a penalty (half a million dollar fine or ten years in jail).

The Treasury Department did not rule on the issue of Mosaic and Al-Manar, the parallel seemed so striking to Ald. Gerst that he felt one can infer that if the Treasury Department were asked in the case of a TV broadcast which is edited by an American citizen and translated by an American citizen redacted in various ways - has a service been rendered? Are we dealing with a terrorist organization? Is there a problem there? It is Ald. Gerst's personal impression that the Treasury Department could say it is a problem that does violate the Executive Order. Since this was Ald. Gerst's understanding he did have a few suggestions to make.

Alderman Gerst's Request: If there is to be an agreement, Ald. Gerst suggested that until there is a determination that this Al-Manar segment of Hezbollah is acceptable and does not constitute a service, we better assume it does. Until we get a specific advisory letter from the US Department of Treasury Asset Management saying that this does not

constitute service to a terrorist organization, we ought to ask NewTV to stop broadcasting that. Ald. Gerst read the following from the draft document, "**Neither the City or the Cable Operator shall have the authority to control the content of programming so long as such programming is lawful.**" Ald. Gerst suggested that the Mayor be asked to not broadcast "Mosaic" until at least such time as it may be proven by a letter from the Department of Treasury that it is okay. Further suggestions would include executing a new contract. The following three guidelines could be included:

- 1) NewTV will render no services to terrorist organizations.
- 2) NewTV will broadcast no material that constitutes a service to a terrorist organization.
- 3) That NewTV will broadcast original Newton Cable Access Corporation community producer material and any other material not otherwise already available to Newton viewers of broadcast cable satellite or Internet television.

Ald. Gerst hoped the Committee would take action on this item and indicated that he would like to see a resolution to the Mayor that would restructure a contract between the City of Newton and NewTV

#### The City's Law Department Response:

Funding: Eileen McGettigan, Assistant City Solicitor said when Ald. Gerst read his initial petition he said that the public access programming was supported by tax dollars and that is not true. It is supported by a certain percentage of cable revenue. If you are a cable subscriber and pay your cable bill, 4% of the gross revenues earned by that Cable Company goes towards public access.

Ald. Coletti wanted to clarify that the Board of Aldermen does play a role in the operation of Newton Cable Access because when the cable monies are turned over to the City, they are turned over to the general fund and the Board of Aldermen must approve the disbursement of that money to Cable Access. Ms. McGettigan said that was partially correct. The monies from Comcast flow directly to NewTV but the monies from RCN came into the City under a different agreement have to go through the Board of Aldermen. When the new agreement is signed, both of the monies from both cable companies will flow to NewTV without going before the Board of Aldermen. (*Chairman Johnson requested clarification in the future on this issue.*)

Contract: Ald. Gerst said that there is no contract in effect between the City and NCAC and that is correct. However, NewTV was designated as the City's public

access provider in 1992 and that designation is still in effect and they are still allowed to be the public access provider in spite of the fact that there is no contract. The contract simply governs exactly how NewTV spends the dollars it receives from the cable companies. Ald. Gerst said the City has the right to seek changes to the contract especially since there is no current contract in effect. While that it is true but as a legal matter, Ms. McGettigan noted that if any changes were proposed at this point, they would likely be challenged in a court of law. As a member of the Law Department, she went on to say that any changes that would be directed to limiting the broadcasting on the station to local Newton programming could be viewed as a thinly veiled attempt to censor programming and that would be a principal concern. NewTV has complied with law and there does not seem to be a reason to designate another public access provider.

Restrictions that Might Apply: Hezbollah is on the list of terrorist organizations. However, although there is an Executive Order which prevents US citizens from giving monies and transacting business with terrorist organizations, Ms. McGettigan would argue that the Constitution trumps Executive Order 13224 and specifically the First Amendment and the right of the speakers for free speech.

### **Public Comment**

**Louis Dickstein**, of Clinton Place Newton Centre suggested that a central issue underlining this discussion tonight has to do with the legal responsibility and ethical responsibility as it relates to NewTV programming. Under current rules and procedures, NewTV only concerns itself with legal responsibility by the Newton sponsor and does not concern itself at all with ethical responsibility. The proposal of Ald. Gerst requiring that programs by NewTV be produced by residents restores the element of ethical responsibility to the process without violating the First Amendment since it forces the producer of a program to take full responsibility for its content since he or she is producing it. The proposal by Ald. Gerst provides a procedure, which will ensure a much higher level of ethical responsibility and a much higher level of good judgement and moral decency in our community.

**Charles Barron**, Grove Hill Avenue. Newton. Mr. Barron teaches constitutional law at Boston College Law School. He was also at the meeting at the request of the American Civil Liberties Union to speak on behalf of free speech and to point out some principles that have been skipped over. The Supreme Court has rendered decisions as recently as last year holding that the KKK has the right to burn crosses so long as those crosses are burned as a political protest on behalf of their positions which we see as positions of hate so long as that it is done not to intimidate some specific individual. As a resident of Newton, Mr. Barron



would be tremendously embarrassed to have his City named as a defendant in a lawsuit that might go as far as the Supreme Court of the United States to illustrate the principle that the First Amendment trumps people who cannot stand to hear statements which frighten them, with which they disagree, that whether these statements are lies or whether they are the truth.

**Diana Applebaum** of Berkshire Road, Newton commented that it is important to remember that public access stations were founded for providing local voices. It was assumed at the time that the media was becoming more national and there would be no place for people in a local way to stand up and talk about local issues. In her opinion, this is a question of public subsidy for certain kinds of speech. Further, she said they could pay to have a cable channel. She feels that what makes it not a free speech issue is those for rent and for hire stations are available to anyone who has an opinion, no matter how controversial.

**Richard Salter**, Steven Place, Newton Highlands felt it would be of great pride to see Newton take a stand against this hate TV whether it went to the Supreme Court or not.

**Deb Crossley**, Circuit Avenue, Newton. Ms. Crossley was in attendance speaking on behalf of the Board of the League of Woman Voters who unanimously support their petition. (See attached statement)

**Jack Schuss**, Cedar Street, Newton. He does not feel this is an issue of freedom of speech but an issue of what the City of Newton must pay for if you want cable service.

**Brooke Lipsitt**, 36 Billings Park. Ms. Lipsitt, former President of the Board of Aldermen said she was concerned about the question of whether or not this board should in the form of a resolution to the Mayor or in any other form indicate any willingness to address the content of our local cable television channel. It is very clear, not just for First Amendment rights, but because of federal regulations that control such stations that content is not fit subject to be addressed and it is absolutely true that some content on this channel gives offense to almost every watcher. We are capable of listening to other ideas, getting information from multiple sources and making informed decisions. Informed decisions cannot be made by reducing the amount of information upon which we base those decisions. Ms. Lipsitt urged the Committee to hear the public this evening and then to vote to take no action on this item.

**Ralph Lieberman**, Bruce Lane, Newton. The question for Mr. Lieberman is what is the role of NewTV? It is important to hear a wide variety of views. NewTV allows us to debate issues affecting this community. It is not here to rebroadcast the wide variety of shows. NewTV has a special role for this community

**Joel Wiesen**, 27 Judith Road, Newton feels that what we are doing is dealing with new technologies with new implications. In his view the intent was local programming. He was not in favor of censorship of local programming and he would like to see NewTV restricted to Newton produced material.

**Pamela Sheinman**, West Boulevard Road, Newton. In her opinion NewTV should be for local people and not import material from San Francisco that has been slickly produced. She also felt that the legality of filming material should be further checked into.

**Ena Lorant**, Walden Street, Newton. She feels very strongly that she is in the right City and has had the opportunity to raise her children and live in this wonderful community where people really, not only speak what they feel, but also be exposed to a number of different opportunities to learn. In her view, we should welcome the opportunity to see and learn whatever we can.

**Holly Gunner**, Janet Road, Newton Centre. Ms. Gunner said she is a Jew and an American. It has never occurred to her to try to censor anyone's speech. She does not like the idea that the government could control what her mind could encounter.

**Stephanie Carger**, Wauwinet Road, Newton. Ms. Carger said we cannot regulate the content, but the content must be lawful.

**Martin Lory**, 122 Dane Hill Road said the First Amendment protects our right to free speech but it does not protect our right to fighting words. He felt the use of the satellite should be discontinued.

**Joseph McDonagh**, Attorney representing NewTV. He said the legal issues are complex and are of great interest to those who follow constitutional law and its modern challenges. NewTV agrees strongly in open public discussion. Local public access is a subject of significant statutory and regulatory oversight from the US Congress, Federal Communications Commission, State Legislature, and Department of Energy and Telecommunications, the Mayor of Newton, and Federal and State Courts. Some of the questions raised on the politically controversial

"Mosaic" Programming might result in potential civil or governmental action against NewTV. Should Mr. McDonagh feel that the answers to certain questions might expose NewTV, therefore, he declined to answer. NewTV believes strongly in open, public discussion. Local Public Access is the subject of significant statutory and regulatory oversight from the US Congress, the Federal Communications Commission, the State Legislature, the Department of Energy and Telecommunication, the Mayor of Newton, and Federal and State Courts. All of the oversight can be trumped by the rights set forth in our State and Federal Constitution, specifically Article 16 of the Massachusetts Constitution and the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. The applicable state and federal statutes give little or no authority to municipal legislative bodies. Judge Posner of Springfield said that Congress has stated that public access programming serves the vital interest in providing the widest possible diversity of information sources and services to the public.

**Paul Berg, Director of NewTV.**

Agreement NewTV is a non-profit corporation designated as the public educational governmental cable access provider in January 1992 by Mayor Theodore Mann. The initial Newton Cable Access TV Agreement between the City and New TV expired on March 1, 2001. The terms of that agreement were extended beyond the expiration date by mutual agreement between the Mayor and NewTV in order to allow time for the conclusion of cable license negotiations with RCN and Comcast. The Mayor's office provided NewTV with a renewed cable access agreement retroactive to March 2, 2001 and ending March 2, 2011 and on January 14, 2004. NewTV's board formally authorized Robert McReidy, President to sign that agreement on behalf of the organization, which he has done. That document has been delivered to the City and are now waiting for the return of a fully executed copy. The Newton Cable Access Agreement requires that NewTV "shall have control of program content only to the extent allowed by applicable federal and state law. NewTV shall keep facilities, services, and channels open to all potential users regardless of their viewpoint subject to FCC Regulations and other relevant laws. Neither the City or the cable operator shall have the authority to control the content of programming so long as such programming is lawful." The agreement also provides that NewTV will produce or assist authorized users in the production of original non-commercial video programming with an emphasis on programming focusing on Newton issues, events, and activities for cablecasting on the public access channels

Membership NewTV is a membership organization. Any Newton resident, any member of a Newton based organization or corporation, any

employee of the City and the schools and any person for whom Newton residents may vote in a preliminary, primary or general election are eligible to become members of NewTV and enjoy all the benefits of such membership. These benefits include the right to vote at the annual membership meeting for up to three members of the Board and of other interests of interest or concern to the members. Members are invited to take free training classes in TV production, editing and web page design as well as free use of all of NewTV production equipment and facilities. Members are eligible to place programming on public access channel, including programs they have produced in Newton and programs produced elsewhere for which they have the legal right to cablecast.

Programming For 12 years there has been locally provided programming with an emphasis on Newton issues and events. 92.4% of programming hours in the past 8 months has been produced by Newton residents here in Newton; only 7.6 % of those hours were dedicated to programs outside Newton called imported programs. Neither the board nor the staff plays any role in approving and disapproving programs on NewTV, except regarding technical, audio, and video quality. When a tape is submitted by a Newton resident, our programming examines the first ten to fifteen seconds of the tape for audio and video integrity. Fast forwards to the end of video for an accurate time and places the tape in our automated playback decks. These decks are then scheduled by computer to play at a certain time. Satellite programs, on request of a Newton resident, are scheduled to switch the dish network receiver onto the channel at a pre-scheduled time.

Legal View NewTV is an electronic forum for constitutionally protected free speech. As such, there must be no prior restraint of such speech by any governmental intervention or dictate. It is for this very reason that an independent access corporation was established to protect the City from any possible charge that it has engaged in action by the government to restrict anyone's freedom of expression. Mr. Berg said that they regard written affirmation that what they are proposing is lawful. Otherwise, there is no interference with the resident's right to free expression on NewTV. Forbidden by the agreement with the City are libel or slander, pornography or obscenity, invasion of privacy, unlawful use of copyrighted materials, any commercial advertisement, and any violation local, state, or federal law. To Mr. Berg's knowledge, there have been no instances of any such illegal program content ever shown on NewTV.

Opinion Ald. Gerst asked Mr. Berg some questions on his thoughts on free speech. Has the City of Miami violated the free speech rights of the citizens or censored them by limiting broadcast access on their station to

non-profit corporations only? Mr. Berg responded that he was not able to evaluate violate what the City of Miami has done. They do not have a public access channel; they have government and educational access.

**Jane Hanser**, Hartman Road, Newton. Ms. Hanser supports the argument of free speech and supports the First Amendment. She said that in any American newspaper or TV station, we must distinguish between news and editorial. Opinion and editorial cannot be presented as news. "Mosaic" presents itself as news but is filled with untruths, mistranslations, and distortions of reality.

**Joel Shultz**, Park Place, Newtonville. As a citizen of Newton, he would like to know if a small amount of research is done and a dozen worthless propaganda shows on various subjects request to go on air and does NewTV broadcast them; is the station helpless to stop or would all the shows have to be broadcast?

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Johnson, Chair