

Town of Carroll

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Subject: Channel 2 Littleton

To whom it may concern,

I was at the Town of Carroll Selectmen's meeting on Monday, 10/31/2011, and witnessed a portion of the discussion regarding a situation concerning Warner Cable and Channel 2. As I understood it, the Town is frustrated with inability to have the Video recordings of the Carroll Selectmen's meetings broadcast over Channel 2, a Warner Cable Public Service Channel. Since I have been involved with Channel 2 and the development of its new Broadcasting Studio constructed as part of the Littleton School District's New Career and Technical Center, I have been working with Bob O'Connor the person who runs Channel 2 and produces many of its broadcast. Therefore, I spoke with Bob regarding what I had learned at the 10/31/2011, Carroll Selectmen's meeting.

1. I asked Bob if he had ever been contacted by the Carroll Selectmen or one of their representatives. Bob responded that the only person that he has had contact with was Linda Dowling. He had spoken with her couple of times and as recently as 2 or 3 weeks ago, as he recalled. Linda is the person who mails him the Disk or Memory Chips of the Selectmen's meetings. Bob said that sometimes she mails him two or three meetings at a time. He said that when that happens, he broadcast the meetings in chronological order.
2. I asked Bob if there was ever a time when Carroll Selectmen meeting videos were not broadcast on Channel 2. Bob responded yes, that does happen on the occasion that the Town of Carroll videos may get bumped by programs originating from the Town of Littleton or the Littleton School District since these two entities are the only ones that directly support Channel 2 monetarily other than the advertisers scrolled on the screen between Channel 2 Broadcast. All videos shown on Channel 2 from the Towns of Carroll, Lisbon and Bethlehem are broadcast Pro-Bono (for free).
3. I asked Bob if he was a part of the Channel 2 Consortium. Bob said that he was. He offered that the Consortium Chaired by Eddie Moore, of Littleton, does not control Channel 2 directly, but the consortium does deal with Warner Cable regarding and maintaining the right of Channel 2 to broadcast as a public service entity.
4. I asked Bob if other Towns having access to Warner Cable could set up their own, local broadcast site. Bob said that they could ask Warner Cable to set up a Broadcast Node on an, individual site. The Town would then need to purchase the computer and broadcasting equipment to play the videos for some added cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00. If the Town wanted to set Video and Internet and E-mail access as well, the initial cost would be about \$12,000.00, plus the \$3,000.00, annual membership fee and the acquisition of broadcast equipment and a location.

Bob has told me that he would be glad to appear at a Selectmen's meeting to discuss issues surrounding Channel 2.

While I am writing this, I may as well ask the question that is on my mind and on the mind of many of my acquaintances. Why has not the Twin Mountain Fire Department been able to purchase the new Ambulance that was approved by the Voters of the Town of Carroll at the March 2011 Annual meeting?

Please contact me if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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