

## CABLE NCAT – 20

This past year saw the revitalization of the Cable Committee. We now have 6 active members on the committee and 3 cable operators. The operators are responsible for taping, programming and scheduling events. They take their directions from the committee as far as what should be viewed on the Newton Public, Educational and Government (PEG) channel.

During the past year several town events were recorded and played back on PEG. Some of the events were, the February town deliberative session, Greenie Park cleanup, the Memorial Day service and various Board meetings. We then rebroadcast these events at different times of the day and week to ensure that all cable subscribers have the opportunity to view the events.

When no events are broadcast, the PEG channel runs a slide show presentation with informational slides. These slides contain broadcast schedules for live and recorded events. They provide information for residents such as hours of operation for various town offices. They also inform residents of upcoming events taking place in the area.

The committee has started informal franchise agreement negotiations with Comcast, the town's cable provider. The current agreement will expire in August, 2011. We hope to have the renewed franchise agreement in place before the expiration date.

In the coming year, we hope to provide even more quality programming for all cable subscribers in Newton.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Morin, Chairman  
Cable Committee