

# Sudbury Cable Committee

*Minutes of September 14, 1999 Meeting*

A regular meeting of the Sudbury Cable Committee was chaired by Peggy Frederickson in the absence of Doug Smith. Attendees were

- Peggy
- Marty Greenstein
- Hans Lopater
- Hal Barnett
- Richard Pintal
- Michael Daitzman
- Mark Thompson
- Scott Ritter (guest) (443-2373)
- Jacqui Nevils (guest) (579-7912)
- Richard Hoenich (guest) (579-7912)

Peggy reports that the FinCom today granted us the money for Peter Epstein.

Michael Daitzman will ask Cablevision for a map of the system. It was pointed out as a correction to statements made in the last Local Access meeting that Water Row and Dutton are not completely wired. The map will show exactly what is what.

Hans thinks that realistically we are two-three years minimally away from our dream of high speed modems. Hans also pointed out that he cannot make the first Tuesday of the month (and I believe said that he cannot make the third Tuesday either). First Tuesdays are the library board meetings.

Peggy polled us on how important various issues are to us as a request by Peter Epstein for getting a sense of the committee prior to entering negotiations with the cable companies. Peggy asked us to judge each issue that she had listed on a ballot as either essential or non-essential. This was done with a show of hands. Guests and Mark were not allowed to vote. Richard Pintal voted so I assume that he is on the committee now also, but nothing was stated.

<u>Items</u>	<u>Negotiable</u>	<u>Essential</u>
Full coverage of the Town	4	2
Realistic and definitive line extension policy	2	4
Signal Quality standards and testing	0	6
Modernization of converter boxes	4	2
Appearance of wires on poles, underground wiring	6	0
5% operating fee	3	3
Capital equipment grant	3	3
3 PEG channels with ability to send to Lincoln	4	2
Dispute resolution mechanism	0	6
Schedule of build	1	5
Speed to repair	2	4
Build I-net	1	5
Run (maintain) I-net	3	3

By run I-net, we mean the part of the I-net that is outside of the public buildings to which it connects.

Scott Ritter questioned why a separate physical I-net was necessary. He thought it could share the main cable fiber optic line and still meet Town needs.

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Hal met with Mark Thompson and separately with Fred Walker. Mark will speak to colleague Jim Chace in Acton to see what they did.

Currently, the Town leases three T1 lines: the library, the high school, and Peter Noyes.

The next meeting is at 7:30 next Tuesday (21st) and then will have meeting on October 5. However, Oct. 5 meeting may be changed to allow Hans presence.

We plan on having Peter Epstein come to our October 19 meeting. This is first evening he is free.

At the Sept 21 meeting, Marty plans on presenting his Local Access plan. He distributed to members a copy of his "viewgraphs" and his business plan for "Sudbury Multi-media" as he calls it. He hopes to mail copies to Jeff Winston (where are you?) and Doug Smith prior to the meeting to allow their review. He notes that he is risking

distribution of paper copies ahead of his oral presentation with the hopes that we can immediately enter in question and answer. Also, he notes that there is no immediate need for any decisions now other than should we go for the 5%, the PEG channels, and the turnover of the studio to us.

Finally, Marty made the comment during the meeting that Nate of the studio has not been in contact in a month despite efforts by Marty to contact. Nate called Marty today (9/15) and said that he was working with volunteer producers on a health show and a sports show (little league). Also, he was working on Problems with channel 54.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Greenstein