

**Cable Television Committee**

**Minutes**

**February 22, 2000**

These are the minutes for the Sudbury Cable Commission meeting of February 22, 2000. The meeting was held at Town Hall beginning at 7:30 PM. In attendance were Hal Barnett, Peggy Fredericksen, Jeff Winston, Mike Morrissey(Cablevision), Michael Daitzman, and Marty Greenstein. Mike left roughly 8 PM and Mark Thompson (Sudbury Tech Officer) came at about that time.

Peggy presented a revised equipment list for the local access studio and Town Hall. The list included prices. Discussion ensued resulting in a few changes in the list's composition. The amended list was accepted by the committee by vote as to be the one to present formally to Cablevision. Peggy will supply a typed version to Jeff. The high school currently has classes in broadcast journalism and video arts and technology. These classes are run by a part-time teacher who is leaving at the end of the school year. The students use the local access studio equipment and facilities in addition to the school's own. When the students used the studio, it is under the supervision of the teacher. The position of the committee is that for now, we are not considering moving the studio out of the high school. It was reported that the Town has recognized that it is cheaper to rebuild the high school than it is to remodel it. It was mentioned that the Commonwealth is making it less advantageous to re-build than to remodel as a result of changes in the way funds are matched. We have decided to ask Cablevision for I-net termination equipment for thirteen drops. This is to avoid a \$500 per month cost for each building that would be incurred if we were to subscribe to the high speed municipal access plan being promoted recently by Massachusetts in conjunction with a private company (forget the name). Cablevision claims that the termination equipment costs \$13,000 per drop. It is possible that this includes equipment for both video and data transfer. Mark is to obtain more pricing information to learn the cost of just data transfer. Michael Daitzman will also investigate PC based video servers that can source video digitally onto a fiber optic channel. Such equipment would allow for a fully digital signal from the studio or other location to Hudson from where it could be sent to subscribers. It was reported by Jeff that Cablevision is pricing the cost of wiring the entire Town and is delaying sending a response to our letter laying out our renewal proposals until they have completed their estimate. The meeting ended about 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Greenstein