Cable Television Committee Minutes September 11, 2001

These are the minutes of the Sudbury Cable Committee meeting which was held at 7:30 PM on Sept. 11, 2001, at the main fire station.

In attendance were Jeff Winston (chair), Peggy Fredrickson (vice-chair), Marty Greenstein (secretary), Hal Barnett, and Michael Daitzman. Also present were visitors Frank Marchica and John Poldoian.

Discussion began with the availability and costs of DSL and other high speed data connections here in Sudbury.

We should be getting from ATTb a quarterly access report by the end of the week along with feedback on our set of license amendments.

Channel 54 is still a problem. Mark Thompson spoke to ATTb. Apparently a line put in by the high school connecting their own equipment to the modulator had a faulty adapter. We will suggest that ATTb put in the proper adapter since it is easier for them to do than for us.

Jeff has received 5-6 complaints about ATTb service. Customers cannot successfully call ATTb service. Also those who are able to get through to ATTb find that the staff there is not very helpful. Jeff has informally told this to ATTb.

Town Hall: Kevin Long has estimated that everything excluding wire mold and boxes will cost \$31,259. This is a 25% discount below list. We unanimously voted to approve the expenditure. The equipment includes three cameras, two VCRs, a character generator, seven monitors, five microphones, and audio/video mixers.

The studio has received new lights and microphones that were requested last February.

We then discussed spending the remaining approximately money that ATTb may give us this year, enhanced due to the agreement on the delay in the upgrade. One problem that we need to confront is that the studio space in the high school is at risk due to overcrowding of the facility. Also, the new high school is in a budget crunch too. Fairbanks is too crowded and the library is filled up. Town Hall remains a possibility. There may be room in the Flynn Building once the new Town Services building is up. Jeff will contact Fred Walker to learn if the studio at the high school may be further compressed next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Greenstein