

Sudbury Cable Advisory Committee
November 14, 2006

These are the minutes for the Sudbury Cable Advisory Committee meeting held at the high school local access studio on November 14, 2006, beginning at 7:45 P.M. Prior to the meeting, at 6:30 PM, a salesperson from The Camera Company of Norwood, MA, demonstrated a portable video switcher/audio mixer/video recorder-server called the Sony Anycast Station Live Content Producer (AWS-G500).

In attendance were Jeff Winston, Linda Wade, Peggy Fredrickson, Peter Boers, Mark Thompson, Lynn Puorro, and Marty Greenstein.

Richard Simon made a presentation at the meeting. His home on Fox Run was hit by lightning last summer allegedly because Comcast did not properly bury or ground the cable leading to his house from the street. The lightning caused significant damage to his electrical systems. He contacted the state Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) who said that it was up to the Town of Sudbury to take action if they so chose. Richard had told us of the incident last summer, and, last week, the DTE informed the committee of their decision. Jeff Winston immediately informed the Town Manager of the situation (five days ago), who said that she would take responsibility for the town investigation, and asked Jeff to send all information to Town Counsel, which he did.

Richard requests that we and/or the town send a letter to Comcast asking them to explain to the Town their view of this situation. Jeff suggested that he contact Town Counsel Paul Kenny.

Jeff Winston said that he thought the Selectmen had told him that all new construction since 1980 requires that cables be placed in a conduit. Richard pointed out that the original cable to his house, built in 1985, did not have conduit.

Richard said that he has not entered into a legal action against Comcast. He did hire an attorney. Comcast, however, told Jeff Winston that they could not comment on this situation due to ongoing legal action.

At least one neighbor also had damage, Richard said.

Separately, we voted to buy a dolly for local access use. It will cost under \$300 and will be bought via Corporate Express, a company that the town uses. Mark Thompson will get a quote.

Lynn needs some RAM for the graphics computer in the studio. Jeff will try to get Comcast to buy this as an expense. Otherwise, it may have to wait until January since it is a capital expense.

We need to fix or replace the cart in the Town Hall due to its pneumatic tires which lose air quickly. We estimate that a new cart of that size costs at least \$500. It must be big

enough to handle the large television used as a monitor inside the meeting room. We think Comcast should replace the cart since they are obligated to replace Local Access equipment that wears out. Jeff will contact COMCAST.

Lynn tells us that there will be a show on adoption and another on cooking. A father and his son taped Concord Earth Day activities. They should put their show on soon.

Lynn, Linda, and Jeff worked the Sudbury Telethon.

The meeting went into executive session at 8:35 P.M. to discuss the Verizon license.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Greenstein