

Sudbury Cable Advisory Committee Meeting
January 3, 2008

These are the minutes of the Sudbury Cable Committee meeting for January 3, 2008. In attendance are Jeff Winston, and Peter Boers. Today we also have a guest named Ted Fedynyshyn and our studio coordinator Lynn Puorro in attendance. The meeting convened at 7:30 P.M. at the studio in Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School

Comcast license amendment is to be signed on Tuesday by the Selectmen as a non-scheduled item. (It is on the consent calendar). We get 4.25% of cable revenues at the cost of a 1.5% increase in pass-through. Total pass-through is 2.5% for Comcast. Verizon passes through 4.25%. This amendment paves the way for the access corporation.

We have approximately a \$54,000 capital budget from Comcast. We intend to reserve some of it for lawyer fees.

Lynn presented us with a capital plan for this year showing what she would like for us to buy this year (totals \$52,239) and a list of items for the future (\$48,393). Highlighting this year's equipment request is \$25,516 for two cameras. In the future budget is a third camera of the same type (JVC GYHD250ST16S). These are high definition cameras also usable for standard definition production. The access channel is only standard definition, but the HD capability costs no more.

Kevin Long now works for Access AV which is his own company. He used to work for Great Northern. He is offering a demo camera at a better price.

Lynn went to the BosCon trade show last Fall. She was able to see a demo of the Broadcast Pix Slate 2100 which is a \$22,265 video switch. We will be spending an additional \$1243 for four additional analog inputs and \$675 for an additional year's warranty. The switcher also requires an LCD monitor. This single monitor is able to present the inputs from all cameras simultaneously plus the actual video. This switcher also includes storage for "roll-ups" and many more features for inserting graphics.

For the HopeSudbury Telethon we used seven cameras. This switcher will be able to handle all these cameras whereas before we had to use switchers in combination.

This switcher can handle four digital and four analog inputs or, alternatively, eight digital inputs in its native configuration.

The other items on this year's request are two wireless microphones, a shotgun microphone, and a camera adapter. These add up to \$1540 total.

Most submitted programs are now on DVD. On the future list is a Leightronix Nexus which is a system that queues and transmits out video programming. The new one would allow us to read in DVDs to its hard drive. This video content would then be available to a remote operator, which is important since Lynn lives a distance from Sudbury. The Nexus costs \$8000. Lynn will look into how to best use this equipment to rip from DVD, and whether she can add extra hard drives.

Also on the future capital request is a MagicBox Aavelin Bulletin Board System. In addition to providing nicer looking video, it is controllable by a remote operator. The BBS costs \$5000.

The future capital request also includes a Sony Anycast (Switcher in a box). This would be for portable use. One can connect four analog cameras. It has a built in audio mixer. It is laptop sized.

Other proposed future items include a Canon XL2 Digital Camcorder (\$5000). There is also a tripod, rack mounts, and a hard drive on the list, totaling about \$1700.

Lynn was asked look into a few things related to the equipment and to consider whether it would be better to postpone buying the cameras. One advantage would be buying all three cameras at once. She will consider re-prioritizing capital requests.

The town has come out with an RFP for a local access corporation. It requires a response by January 31st.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marty Greenstein