

Cable Television Committee Minutes December 14, 1999

Present: Peggy Fredrickson, acting chair, Jeff Winston, Hal Barnett, Bob Kavanaugh, Mark Thompson, Marty Greenstein (last 15 minutes).

The Form 100 response was browsed before the meeting. Those present received copies of the letter, which is Cablevision response for the Sudbury informal request for proposal. Bob and Mark reported on last week's meeting with Cablevision engineers and David Green. The topic of discussion at the meeting was the proposed I-net. Thompson is to determine if the State Crime center is to be on the I-net. Cablevision was asked to put Hosmer House on the list of town buildings and all schools were identified. Cablevision was made aware that the town would like some redundancy in the structure so that Police and Fire depts. have continuous service. This will be achieved through a star type of architecture. Cablevision will configure the I-net terminations so that the town can connect using units which cost about \$3000 each. A LAN City Bridge was suggested. Following this report the Cable Committee debated the importance and cost of putting an I-net connection in the Hosmer House. No conclusion was reached. Peggy reported on Monday's meeting with David Gormley of Adtech. The engineer at Adtech is supposed to make a list of building renovations that would be needed before putting in hardware for television production. In Peggy's opinion there is no point in pursuing hardware unless the town is willing and able to do appropriate renovation on heating, ventilation, and electricity. Jeff questioned the need for changes in the building. Hal suggested that Adtech should come up with technical specifications for the environment desired. Jeff suggested talking with town engineer Bill Place. Mark has offered to talk with interim town manager to find out if the town will preserve part of Curtis school for offices and meetings. If so, that might be a better location for a new studio. Committee chair, Doug Smith's frequent travel assignments at work have required him to miss committee meetings. Doug has offered to resign if that is what the committee desires. This offer was discussed and it was concluded that any action should be delayed until the first meeting in January. The next regular meeting is scheduled for the fourth Tuesday in December, Dec 28. If there is no news from Cablevision about its sale, and if nothing new comes up, that meeting will be cancelled. The committee will be notified if the meeting is to be held. There will be a regular meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in January, Jan 11, at the High School Faculty dining room.

Peggy Fredrickson