

These are the minutes of the meeting of 10/26/99 with Doug Smith, Peggy Fredericksen, Hal Barnett, Jeff Winston, Marty Greenstein, Mark Thompson, and Bob Kavanaugh present. Also present were David Green and Nate Cantino of Cablevision.

The meeting began at 7:45 PM in Town Hall.

All the following are from **David Green**:

Cablevision will sell all operations outside of the New York City area. Media One, Adelphia, and two small companies are performing due process in preparation for a bid. We can go for either an extension or a renewal. If we went for an extension, a term of no less than one year would be demanded. Cablevision wants to grow its revenues so will start a rebuild on its own. It will be a 750- MHz fiber trunk system. The cable system would be fiber wrapped around the existing wiring. There would be nodes at which the fiber would meet up with coax going to the subscribers. At the nodes would be power supplies, slightly larger than the old power supplies. However, amplifiers are no longer necessary. There will be status monitoring equipment installed in the new system. Cablevision would not be offering telephone service, except perhaps in business areas. There is no Internet capability yet and will not be until at least end of 2000. The rebuild would start second quarter 2000.

Secretary's notes:

Distributed by Doug was a letter from him to Cablevision dated 9/30/99. In it was a request for a Form 100 and a current coverage map to be delivered by October 12. Apparently neither were delivered. Back to David's statements: Form 100 will take a month to put together. We agreed that David would provide an abbreviated Form 100 by November 25. David stated that the Form 100 was old and much of its information would be of no use. We basically accepted that argument. David also said that Cablevision has been unable to do a lot of this type of work due to its reorganization into Massachusetts Cablevision which began last winter. Cablevision will not discuss the locations of nodes. Green denied us a list of those places that would be left out of the rebuild. Cablevision does not plan to extend the system. They monthly ask the Town what homes are newly built and considers their wire-up. The signal quality will be better in the new system due to fiber. David will send us a list of the programs on the Local Access station by December 1. Nate to prepare, David to review. David mentioned an FCC formula for the cost of service. I did not understand what its importance was. Hudson has a 0.5% surcharge. Framingham has a 2%. David claimed that (he did not specify how many) complaints were received about the Hudson surcharge. Cablevision once gave 3.5% but no senior discount (\$2 proposed) and no studio. Cablevision will not be giving us new boxes since they would be obsolete in two years. The I-net will go to municipal buildings and schools. Maynard did not want one. Lexington has a coax based one that is run by Steve Ellis of Lexington High. It is the best Cablevision I-net in the state. Westwood will be the first fiber based I-net and it will start up in a few months. There will be a charge for Internet service to the schools. They give TV to the schools for free legally they must (one drop). The I-net will use fibers in the same cable that the subscriber network uses. The big expense is laser transmitters that must be placed in the public buildings. Cablevision will not agree on a surcharge on Internet revenues.

Nate works 1 to 6 each afternoon Monday through Thursday except when he is doing special events evenings. Green presented a map of Sudbury upon which with colored pencil was traced the routing of the current system. He showed it to us but said that it was his only copy and he had to take it back. The secretary took the copy for a few minutes and wrote down the uncovered areas. With possible omissions, they are:

- South Meadow Drive
- Nobscot road north of South Meadow
- Clifford Road north of Alta
- Nobscot south of Old Framingham (Last 50% of road going South)
- Peakham from Southwest Center to French
- Dutton from Wayside Inn to French Road
- Old Garrison from French halfway to Dutton
- Codjer Lane east from Union
- Old County Road from Boston Post to River
- River Road (along Wayland boundary, maybe not in Sudbury)
- Hillside Place
- Old Sudbury road from Rice east to Wayland
- Wolbach road
- Water Row
- Lincoln Lane
- Lincoln road east of Fern Trail
- Weir Hill road
- Maynard road from Maynard to Weymouth
- Widow Rite's Lane
- Michael Lane
- Cudworth Lane
- Briant Drive
- Marlboro Road from Meachem to Minuteman Lane
- Marlboro Road from Morse to Haynes
- Concord Road from half mile (?) past Twin Pond going east
- North Road east of Windmill
- Northwood Drive
- Powers from Willard Grant to Concord Barnet Road
- Longfellow Road from Elaine to Harvard
- Hudson - West of Crystal Lake Road
- Crystal Lake north of Pinewood

The meeting ended at about 9:30 P.M. As usual, please inform me of things left out.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Greenstein