

**Cable Television Committee
Minutes
November 14, 2000**

Meeting called to order at 7:35PM. Attending: Jeff Winston, Peggy Fredrickson, Hal Barnett, Fred Walker, Paul Sarapas, Mike Morrissey, Mark Thompson.

- The license is finished, and the populace rejoiced.

- Mike says the studio is doing well. The problem with Town Meeting was equipment that burned out that every evening. Mike has been told that AT&T is going to be pushing DVC pro equipment for all new purchases. The details of this effort, including how much of the cost AT&T will pick up, are unknown.

- We discussed cooperation between the Schools and the studio at length. It sounds like going forward we will have a lot of it, including coordination of capital purchases to avoid duplication. As a result, Fred, Paul, Mike, and Peggy are going to meet weekly to make sure that everyone's needs are met and concerns are addressed.

- Mike is going to keep a section of the studio equipped and ready for school use at all times.

- In response to Selectmen's O'Brien's request that several town committees have all their meetings cablecast, Jeff has asked the town for the monthly meeting schedules of the 6 committees. He will then tally the number of hours required, apply about 10 of Mike's 40 (after he goes full time in March) and recommend that the town get the rest from volunteers or pay students or others to do the cablecasting. Note that the planned equipping of the Town Hall as a fixed cablecast location should make it easier to attract people to do the cablecasting.

- Mark needs to know what improvements/changes have to be made to the town hall in order to support the aforementioned cablecast equipment, so these changes can be budgeted. Peggy will work with Mark on this.

- Jeff described how he is working with the town to convert the cable committee budget account to a revolving account. He is asking to increase the budget to \$1,500 per year, \$1,000 towards the \$22K license commitment, and \$500 for other uses.

- The Committee approved and submitted the Annual Report.

Next Meeting Tuesday, 1/9/01. 7:30 PM location TBD

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