

Cable Television Committee
Minutes
April 10, 2001

Attendees: Jeff Winston, Marty Greenstein, Hal Barnettl, Peggy Fredrickson, Michael Daitzman
Guest: Ken Roller

- 1) We received the quarterly programming report from ATTb. It was lacking in all respects except that a listing of new programs was supplied. Jeff will notify ATTb that they are in technical violation of the license and give them a chance to solve the problem before starting formal procedures. We also decided to suggest to Mike to have more play-by-play in sports programs.

Peggy also mentioned that Larry O'Brien had requested that we cover the L/S Regional School Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, Sudbury K-8 School Committee, Planning Board, and Conservation Committee. The Cable Committee felt that there should be more coverage of civic meetings and less coverage of sports, but conceded that without the Committees asking for coverage, Mike wasn't at fault. We decided to wait until the Town Hall was re-equipped, and then actively encourage committees (including the ones above) to request that they be taped.

- 2) The committee wants the studio to stop using extended-play tapes, as they are unwatchable.
- 3) The committee wants Mike to cc: the cable committee (or Jeff, who will cc: the committee) when Emailing listings to the Crier. We haven't seen listing lately and want to see where the problem is.
- 4) We were told by Rob Travers (by Email) that "the G4 has just gone through another internal upgrade (new processor, I believe). Mark tells me the cost hasn't changed, so it has been ordered. He also told me that although the pricing is out, they (Apple) aren't shipping yet. Mike probably has more details on the changes in the unit - it will still have all the functionality you have requested. I'll keep you posted as I hear more news on shipping dates."

The committee was unhappy that we were not consulted on this. We are not sure we want one of the first of a new generation of computer, and suspect this may be a delaying tactic by ATTb (see below). Peggy will contact Mark Menasian to find out the details

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- 5) Rob also said (by email) that “There has been no new construction in Sudbury, but work is continuing at the headend to bring HSD in” and “Design work and internal costing has been done on the I-Net. We're doing verification on the plant to see if Cablevision built any usable capacity into the plant for the I-Net.” Nobody was sure what the latter meant. Jeff to ask Rob.
- 6) There has been no forward movement on defining the list of capital equipment. Peggy believes it may have been slowed because DVCam equipment isn't shipping. The Committee wants this process to go forward, with the best prices and info we have, both for the studio and the town hall. Jeff will convey this to Rob and Mike.
- 7) Channel 54 is alive, but it still has a bad picture and still interferes with Channel 61. We understand this is due to a head-end problem. Jeff will let Rob know this needs to be worked on further.
- 8) At last Friday's production for John Ritchie, the school had to lend the studio microphones, and Peggy had to lend the studio lights. This is unacceptable. The committee suspects that ATTb is trying to avoid spending money on the studio. We have been waiting months for microphones, and don't understand why \$500 worth of light fixtures can't be ordered now. Apparently Mike can't even buy toner for his printer. We have been patient up to now with the delays in purchasing but our patience has worn out. Jeff will convey this message strongly to Rob, and ask that he attend a meeting later this month to discuss it.

Adjourned at 9:15PM

Respectfully Submitted
Jeff Winston