

**Cable Television Committee
Minutes
May 14, 2002**

These are the minutes for the Sudbury Cable Committee meeting of May 14, 2002 that began at 7:30 PM and held at the main fire station.

Attendees were Michael Daitzman, Peggy Fredericksen, Jeff Winston, Mark Thompson, and Marty Greenstein.

The I-net is being installed and seems to be on schedule.

We should publicize the \$10 per month off the air plus local access deal that the cable company provides. We have already mentioned this in at least one Sudbury Town Crier article.

Discussion of studio equipment. In the existing system, a digital tape must be transferred to S-VHS in order to be automatically cablecast. The transfer occurs in real time. In the transfer process, titles and credits and graphics may be added.

Time and Quality of image could be saved if the original digital tape is used for automatic cablecasting. A digital tape deck controllable by the automatic controller would enable cablecasting from a digital tape. Mark Minasian has been asked to price up such a deck and controller. The G4 should be able to do titles by outputting a title file to a black leader on a digital tape in the editing digital VCR which is an accessory for the G4.

Decided to put out a press release in late June to discuss the \$10 per month deal, how to connect to broadband safely (firewalls, routers, and other tech things), etc.

Cable people are promising Internet access and additional TV channels by mid-July.

Cable company is paying to rent a hall to meet with the Chamber of Commerce.

Town currently has almost all of its buildings hooked up on a wide-area network over the fire alarm cables. They use ADSL modems to make it work.

Jeff to see if cable company will hook I-net to Internet at Maynard rather than via cable modem as currently planned. There is a fiber optic up feed to Maynard to carry channel 61. This way we would not have to have cable modem drops at every school.

Mark is looking into a projector for the Town Hall.

Fiber connection to the Town Hall is in. This can be connected to the video equipment for live coverage.

Cable station phone number is (978)443-9507.

The cable or also has an e-mail address: TBS. People can e-mail the coordinator to schedule studio time or instruction.

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Buzzing over the audio was a problem during Town Meeting when slides were being projected. James is due to report why this was happening from the tapes.

Question: Can we put cameras on police and fire vehicles?

Meeting concluded at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Greenstein