

**Cable Television Committee
Minutes
September 10, 2002**

On September 10, 2002, a meeting of the Sudbury Cable Advisory Committee was held starting at 7:30 P.M at the Sudbury Main Fire Station. In attendance were Jeff Winston (chairman), Peggy Fredricksen (Vice-Chairman), Marty Greenstein (secretary/typist), James Siket (outgoing cable access station coordinator), Peter Boers (resident non-member), Kevin Briggs (resident non-member), and Rick Dorman (incoming cable access station coordinator).

James reported that recently he has (among other things): been a cameraman for a music, cooking, and gardening show in Hudson; videoed the Fourth of July parade, videoed the Selectmen and school board meetings, shown Ruth Griesel of the Senior Center how to put announcements on the bulletin board, videoed a concert (Renee Rancourt) at the Senior Center, trained two high school students on the Town Hall equipment, and e-mailed Mark Thompson with the station's telecast schedules for inclusion on the Town Web Page.

We have received the Canon GL-2 mini-DV camera and other accessories.

We discussed buying a Leightronix Controller to manage the station playback decks. The current equipment is over ten years old. We decided that the new controller should be compatible with DVD playback, if possible. Rick said that most towns have between 6 and 8 playback decks which is more than we have.

January 1 is the new budget year. We expect about \$10k from ATTB.

Rick's background is: Lives in Rhode Island. Two years at ATTB in Walpole after St. Joe's College in Maine. He likes teaching and doing creative work. He ran two workshops a year in Walpole, one for kids 10-13, the other for adults. He tries hard to get people in organizations to volunteer to make videos of their events and to do voice overs for the bulletin board. He produced about six programs a month in Walpole. Walpole has a public access corporation and the deal in which they had the services of an ATTB coordinator is apparently ending so he came here. In Walpole there were about 20 volunteers who would do something at least once a month and about 20 more who were less frequently active. James is going to Concord. Rick will be full-time here beginning October 4. Until then, he is working with James to learn our systems, etc. Rick suggests that we do a quarterly newsletter concerning the station which would be sent to volunteers. Rick has not used Final Cut Pro since Walpole had Avid but thinks that it should not be a problem for him to learn.

Larry O'Brien (One of our Selectmen) was quoted in the Globe concerning our Town Hall equipment saying that he wanted to get more Town committees to meet at the Town Hall and cablecast their meetings.

The Hope Sudbury organization plans a telethon for next month but we don't know much about their plans.

Jeff asked an ATTB marketing person about the rate at which people were signing up for cable modem service. ATTB would not give a number but Jeff believes that it may be as many as eight hundred signed up.

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Kevin lives on Lincoln Road and reports that he received Cable but that ATTb in general tells residents of that road that cable is not available (which is clearly not true). Recently, he reports, ATTb ran a promotion in which they would give a \$200 credit to anyone switching from Satellite. The idea is that when the cable is hooked up, ATTb will remove the dish and its receiver. However, the installation company that did his house did not take the dish but did take the receiver. Theoretically, an ATTb person was supposed to come for the dish, but never did. The \$200 credit was also not given.

A Request for Quotation has been given to Great Northern Video for a projector that can be integrated into the video equipment. Also on the list is a whiteboard and a screen.

The I-Net design consists of six fibers: two for 100 Megabit data, two for video, and two for back-up.

Both Kevin and Peter are interested in joining the committee, motivated by their willingness to share their knowledge of the industry. Kevin is a technical guru at State Street. Peter has moved in this year from Marlborough and is a former DEC expert on FCC regulations.

For what it is worth, Starbucks on Route 20 now has wireless Internet (\$3 for fifteen minutes) service, coffee not included.

Another random fact is that Bernie Menton is the ATTb installation foreman for Sudbury.

The meeting ended at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Greenstein