

**Cable Television Committee
Minutes
May 15, 2003**

Sudbury Cable Advisory Committee meeting held on May 15, 2003 at the Fire House. In attendance were Jeff Winston, Peggy Fredrickson, Peter Boers, Linda Wade, Don Ziter, Marty Greenstein and Mark Thompson. Rick Dorman came for the first part of the meeting.

Kevin Griggs resigned a week (or so) ago.

Rick says that we are now taping L-S high baseball. We did some live meetings from Town Hall, but it is still not working consistently. It is up to Mark Minasian and an engineer to fix. Jeff quoted the license to Rick and said that we can demand a performance test. I-net repairs should be responded to as quickly as residential. Rick has trained some new volunteers. Town Meeting will be cablecast live. The Town Meeting will be in the auditorium and the gym due to overflow crowd. The studio will also tape the graduation and its award ceremony. A light was apparently stolen and a police report was entered. Comcast is insured for it and will pay for it (about \$1000). Air conditioner working in studio now.

Linda to get small light for Town Hall equipment room.

Motion (Jeff) to request that Comcast buy DV decks. Seconded by Peter. Unanimous approval.

Motion (Jeff) to pay for curtain and for furniture and lights for control room. Seconded by Don. Unanimously passed. There was a \$3000 limit on curtain and \$250 on furniture.

Will cost \$15,000 to move fiber drop from old DPW to new DPW building. DPW will pay.

After an audit they performed, Comcast gave us some money out of equipment funds that were never spent during the years AT&T owned system. So we now have \$16,500 in capital budget even after curtain expenditure.

Jeff will write letter to Comcast to repair modulators and other things on the I-net. The high school is not connected yet so its components are being used in other places. L-S is waiting for a reason to connect.

Town Hall renovation is complete. The projector is in and attaches directly to the mixer. The projector does not have sound capability. The projector attaches to the studio through a scan converter. But the scan converter is now being used for Town Meeting.

Motion (Jeff) to buy scan converter. Seconded by Don. Passed Unanimously. We will recommend to Comcast.

Comcast is not putting our fee as a line item on their bills, although they are allowed to.

Chris Casey, cable chair from Concord, is on a state committee to study if Comcast is a monopoly and its implications.

We may do a booth at Sudbury Day in September. There is no charge for town committees to run a booth.

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See you in September; we will not formally meet again until then due to lack of things to do in formal meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Greenstein