

Cable Television Committee
Minutes
September 14, 2004

These are the minutes of the Cable Committee meeting on September 14, 2004. In attendance were Jeff Winston, Peggy Fredricksen, Linda Wade, Mark Thompson, and Lynn Puorro. The meeting began at 7:39 P.M.

Sudbury Day is this Saturday and Lynn Puorro plus some volunteers from the Committee will be there. She will be handing out pamphlets describing the studio and classes that will be given there.

This Sunday between 2 and 4 o'clock is the Grand Opening celebration of the high school. The studio will be open until 5 P.M. Mark Minasian from Hudson will also cover.

The committee is continuing to pursue the building of an enclosed office and a storage area in the studio, which the committee will pay for.

Locks have been added to the studio doors. The locks allow the doors to be freely openable from one side and optionally locked from the other. This is probably not what we want. Lynn is pursuing a better configuration.

Workshops at the studio will begin at the end of September to teach various production skills.

It is unclear that the Macintosh that we designated for Comcast to purchase for the studio at the last meeting has been ordered. Comcast must appear before the Selectmen next week to explain why, if in fact the order did not occur.

The Town Hall curtain is still not delivered. \$2000 of our budget goes to it. We now have \$5500 other than that for things like building partitions in the studio.

We have \$4000 for capital to spend with \$9000 more coming in January.

Mark is setting up an official notice to the Fire Department that they are to open the Flynn Building or Town Hall for Comcast repair people.

Frank Foss of Comcast has an issue with our license requirement that they order equipment we select within fifteen days of our request. One problem is that Comcast does not order capital equipment from September through December. They are willing to waive the indirect expenses (this has been \$3440 in recent years) that they charge against our operating expense account in exchange for

- 1) extending the 15 day deadline to 45 days, and
- 2) treating any capital order given between September 1 and December 1 as if it was submitted December 1.

This agreement would be in the form of a side letter to the license. An argument for accepting this is that Comcast cannot seem to process purchases in less than 60 days, and we don't typically request much equipment in the Fall. Jeff and Frank will most likely draft the letter and then pass it to the Comcast and Committee lawyers. It would then go to the Selectmen for their signing. The committee voted to accept this proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Greenstein