



Town of Hudson - Cable Television Committee

Meet at 7:30PM, first Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall 3rd Floor Conf Room

A = Absent P = Present	7-Jan	21-Jan	4-Mar	17-Jun	7-Oct	2-Dec	2-Mar	6-Apr	4-May	6-Jul	28-Sep			
Andy Vickery	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P			
Elaine Baly	A	P	A	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P			
Jose Cabral	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P			
Tim McCoy	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	P			
Tony Ippolito	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P			
Official Meeting (with quorum)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			

Meeting Minutes from 06-Jul-2004

- Meeting started at 7:45PM with voting quorum at the HHS TV Studio classroom.
- Scott Darlington was present at the meeting.
- Meeting minutes approved from 4th May and 6th July.
- Reviewed new correspondence including:
 - PEG Access Payment from Comcast for \$574.99 to represent shortfall from year 2003 period
 - Letter from State Senator Pam Resor to the Massachusetts Cable Division reviewed by committee regarding inability to access the needs of the town prior to license renewal.
 - Andy to scan and email the letter from Pam to the committee.
 - Expense Ledger Report from the Town
 - Took tour of the new HHS TV Studio. Looks fantastic. Scott is doing a great job with the new studio. Saw the Freedom Sings production.
- Every freshman needs to do a community service project, of which many students have opted to do a video production.
- Andy to schedule a meeting between the CATV committee and the school budget committee regarding future operating funding of the TV studio. Tim to look at the town warrant article to see if the approval of the funds requires EA approval.
- There was \$1,840 overage on the purchase of hardware for the HHS TV studio. The committee has approved an additional \$1,840 for the final payment to Valley Communications. This vote was unanimous.
- The committee approved funding \$9,806.30 for the HHS TV Studio operating funds for 200/2005 school year.
- Committee applauded Scott for a job well done in planning and implementation of an outstanding state of the art educational television studio and learning center. Andy to write letter to Dr. Berman, school committee and cc to BOS and EA.
- Scott to consider having a open house on the evening of the Town of Hudson special town meeting.
- Consider having community access TV run from the HHS TV studio and not have a need for the community TV station at Comcast.
- The St. Michael Parish interested in having Sunday mass videotaped. Committee could outreach to cross interfaith council. We discussed the technical options to having a live or delayed broadcast of a Sunday mass over the local PEG channels. Andy will contact Mark Minasian at ComCast (978) 562-2510 regarding possibility of broadcasting over the public channel. Adam at Comcast and the advanced studio HHS student Nick Melo are possible contact points as well. It would be possible to capture the video and broadcast over the educational channel with little effort. Would need a volunteer to video the mass each Sunday. For live broadcast the parish would need a cable connection from the church, and a modulator (in addition to the video camera).

- Tim brought up the issue of cable competition in the Town of Hudson. Discussion was around the future of Verizon possibly creating a fiber network to every house and then becoming video competition to Comcast. Tim is going to draft up a letter to be sent to other cable service providers regarding coming into Hudson as competition to subscribers in our town. Expected that the response will be poor as the cable companies will not want to compete against each other when one company is already established within the town.
- Fire station call from Tony Marks.
- Agreement was that specifically identified locations in the town were to have drops added. The license identified the preexisting sites that were to have drops. Tim thinks there was a time restraint on having the 100 drops installed.
- Scott had discussed with Dr. Berman about having Bill Hubercheck hired as a full-time audio/visual resource within the school.
- Number of subscribers in Hudson for Scott
- Meeting ended at 9:45PM.