

STURBRIDGE CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF 12/09/14

John Clancey called the meeting of the Cable Advisory Committee to order at 4:34 p.m. The following members were also present: Kadion Phillips, Don Fairbrother, Steve Greenberg, Bruce Butcher and Steve Tieri.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: John Clancey made a motion to accept the minutes of 11/10/14. Steve Greenberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0 (Don Fairbrother was not present at the time of the vote).

PRODUCTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

- SCTV is covering all of the town government meetings with the exception of one; last week's Conservation meeting. The camera operator didn't show up.
- The four newly trained camera recruits are now working alone.
- Bruce visited the old fire station with Don Fairbrother to look at the building. The large space is more than enough for a TV studio. The Sturbridge residents would need to appropriate funds for some renovations. The idea of sharing the space with the town Recreation Committee and calling it a "Community Center" might be a good strategy. In an attempt to look at what it would take to bring the building to code, a second trip was taken with Greg Morse, an Engineer, a Sturbridge Fire safety officer and Rec Director Lynn Girouard.
- Bruce was given three job descriptions to review and revise: Part-Time Scheduler Clerk (currently Steve Sandberg), Public Access Coordinator (not currently filled) and Public Access Production Coordinator (currently Bruce Butcher). Bruce has submitted these to Don and the Town Administrator.
- Steve videotaped and edited highlights of the Christmas tree lighting on the common. It will begin playing on channel 192.
- Gourmet Grannies begins again on Friday.
- Second Chance Animal Shelter begins again tomorrow morning.

ORIGINAL PROGRAMMING ON SCTV:

Weekly Drive-In Movie; Sat. 8pm
Gourmet Grannies series
Senior Center Seminars/Events
Second Chance Animal Shelter series

REVISION TO CONTRACT ISSUES/CONSULTING ENGINEER STATUS:

- Don spoke about cablecasting out of 8 Brookfield Road (the old fire house building). If it goes through, it would be approximately nine months to a year before we would be able to move in. Don has a conference call with Tom Cohan and Bill August tomorrow morning. They will be discussing what they'd like to see happen; the capability of going through the cable that currently exists into the Town Hall just for the meetings. If there is a spare fiber that would work fine. If the signal is multiplexed, then both signals can be run on the same cable. This would mean that equipment including a switch would be needed. At Burgess, we want the capability to broadcast events from there via the Government channel. A cable would need to be put in the Senior Center (temporarily) and 8 Brookfield road would be necessary (permanent) to achieve this. Don plans on speaking with the Senior Center regarding not building anything, but promoting senior volunteers to help record SCTV programming.

REVISION TO CONTRACT ISSUES/CONSULTING ENGINEER STATUS (continued):

- Still working on having the pricing approved for the level six position (19 hours/week) by the Selectmen. This position would focus mainly on engineer type support with hardware, fiber and the networking side of things.
- Identifying and pricing out equipment.

STUDIO STATUS:

Hoping that 8 Brookfield Road is available. There doesn't seem to be many other options at this time.

The next meeting was scheduled for 4:30 p.m., January 13, 2015, in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall. On a motion made by John Clancey, seconded by Don Fairbrother, and voted 5-0 the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.