

Minutes of the Hudson Cable Utility Committee (“CUC”) Meeting Thursday July 29, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER Chairman O’Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

2. ATTENDANCE: Present Michael O’Keefe, Rupert Cote, Selectman Roger Coutu, and Harry Schibanoff. Stewart Kroner and Lee Lavoie were excused. Jim McIntosh the Cable Facilitator (“CF”) also attended.

3. PUBLIC INPUT:

Mr. Leo Bernard of 3 Bungalow Avenue asked to speak on two points: First, did the CUC want him back as a member and second can he still do volunteer work as a camera operator for the senior’s meeting. As to the second request, Mr. O’Keefe said that he and Mr. McIntosh had agreed that all meetings should be done by the current crew of camera operators. Mr. Coutu added that the CUC should respect the decisions of the CF and not try to “micro manager” or “second guess” his decisions. The CUC was in general agreement on this point. As to the return of Mr. Bernard to the CUC, several concerns had been expressed by the Board of Selectmen (“BOS”) at a recent meeting that had interviewed Mr. Bernard to be a member of the CUC. After discussion, it was decided that this matter would be addressed at the next meeting of the CUC when all members were present. Furthermore, it was requested that our Selectmen liaison ask the BOS to defer their decision until such time as the CUC had the opportunity to explore this issue at its next meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting of June 15, 2010 were reviewed by the CUC. There were no changes or corrections. Motion was made by Mr. Cote to accept the minutes and seconded by Mr. Coutu. The vote was unanimous.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. HCTV Field Camera Purchases

Due to the demand for the use of cameras by the community, it was the opinion of the CF that additional equipment should be acquired and also to replace some of the older equipment. Mr. O’Keefe distributed three proposals from retailers both locally and outside the state. All three proposals were in the same price range of \$6,000 to \$6,300. After a brief discussion, the following Motion was made by Mr. Cote and seconded by Mr. Schibanoff:

MOTION: That Mr. O’Keefe is authorized to purchase 2 JVC camera kits at a price not to exceed \$6,300 from a vendor of his choosing.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Hills Library Meeting Room Equipment Discussion

Mr. O’Keefe explained to the CUC that the School Department had agreed with the Trustees of the Library to lease the Hills Memorial Library building for a meeting

room and training center. The School Department would like to broadcast their monthly meeting from this facility which would require equipping the room with cameras, a control booth and a fiber connection. Mr. O'Keefe estimated that the cost would be at least \$4,000 for the fiber connection and stated that the equipping of the Community Development Room two years ago was a cost of approximately \$25,000. The Board would like to start televising its meetings in September even if it means using a single camera without live coverage. CUC members thought this would be a step in the wrong direction for the CUC that has worked to improve the quality of the its programming over the past few years.

Mr. Schibanoff said that this cost should be the responsibility of the School Department and not the CUC. The CUC concurred. It was decided to defer any action on this request until the next meeting when the School Board liaison member was in attendance to explain the plans of the School Board.

7. OTHER BUSINESS/ REMARKS:

A. Other Business: None

B. Remarks: None

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Coutu moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Cote. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Submitted by Harry A. Schibanoff, Clerk
August 3, 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

CABLE UTILITY COMMITTEE

June 15, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 12 School Street, Hudson, NH 03051
Board of Selectmen Room

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Attendance**
- 3. Public Input**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. June 15, 2010 Cable Utility Committee Meeting Minutes
- 5. Old Business**
- 7. New Business**
 - C. HCTV Field Camera Purchases
 - D. Hills Library Meeting Room Equipment Discussion
- 8. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members**
- 9. Adjournment**