

**Minutes of the Hudson Cable Utility Committee (“CUC”) Meeting  
Tuesday, January 15, 2008**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** Chairman O’Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- 2. ATTENDANCE:** Present: Michael O’Keefe, Leo Bernard, Jeanne Johnson, Brenda Levesque, Douglas Robinson and Harry Schibanoff. Absent: Rupert Cote. James McIntosh, Cable Facilitator was also in attendance.
- 3. PUBLIC INPUT:** None, there were no other persons in attendance.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** There were no changes or comments to the December 18, 2007 minutes. Motion was made by Mr. Bernard to accept the minutes and seconded by Ms. Johnson and voted unanimously.
- 5. OLD BUSINESS:** None
- 6. NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. Compensation Issue:** Mr. Bernard recently attended a Board of Selectmen’s meeting and requested a change of their policy prohibiting payment of fees to CUC members for services rendered as a Camera Operator (“Operator”) for HCTV. The Selectmen requested that the CUC make a recommendation to them about this policy and whether or not it should be changed. Mr. Schibanoff asked Mr. Bernard why he was acting as an Operator and he explained that there has been a shortage of available students and that some meetings ran late into the night creating a problem for the student in school the next day. Mr. O’Keefe expressed concern about the perception of the community to certain volunteers being paid while other volunteers on other committees do not receive any compensation. Mr. Robinson also expressed concern about the inequality of some volunteers being paid while other are not paid. The general consensus of the CUC was not to compensate committee members but to seek alternative sources of finding more Operators. A discuss of how this could be done then ensued. Problems of the lateness of some meetings and the fact that Operators are Independent Contractors were evaluated and discussed and then a motion was made by Mr. Schibanoff.

**MOTION:** That the CUC will recommend to the Board of Selectmen that CUC members not be compensation as HCTV Camera Operators at this time. Mr. Bernard seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.
  - B. Planning for 2008:** Mr. O’Keefe stated that the largest planning project the CUC faces at this time is the use of our Capital Reserve for the creation of a Media Center. The CUC has struggled with this issue in the past and has considered

several options of building a new building, using an existing town building or renting a commercial space in Hudson. He stressed that we need a long-range plan for this to happen. Various CUC members expressed their opinions as to how this could be accomplished. It was felt by the CUC that the current library could be a desirable site for a Media Center. Mr. Robinson emphasized the necessity to start the planning for this project. Mr. O'Keefe stated that this planning would be a major project of the CUC in 2008 and 2009.

**C. Capital Budgets:** Mr. O'Keefe stated that this item was incorporated into Section B of New Business.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS/ REMARKS:**

### **A. Remarks**

- a. Mr. Bernard questioned the necessity to clean the cameras in the Board of Selectmen room. He claimed that the picture quality is deteriorating due to the lack of maintenance on these cameras. Mr. McIntosh discussed various options that could be followed to do this procedure and suggested that it might be less expensive to replace the cameras. He will investigate and report back to the CUC.
- b. Mr. Schibanoff questioned the response time of Comcast to customer calls for service. He recently experienced several long waits up to 30 minutes. He said he reviewed the franchise agreement and found that the only requirement is to answer the phone in 30 seconds. He also questioned the recent political ads being shown on Channel 20 as part of a pre-recorded show from the University of Southern NH. A discussion ensued about this and it was decided to monitor this activity in future Elections to assure fairness to all candidates.

**B. Election of Officers:** Mr. Schibanoff nominated Mr. O'Keefe as the Chair of the CUC in 2008. The CUC voted to elect him unanimously. Mr. Schibanoff nominated Mr. Bernard as Vice Chair in 2008. The CUC voted to elect him unanimously. Mr. Bernard nominated Mr. Schibanoff as Clerk in 2008. The CUC voted to elect him unanimously.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Schibanoff moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Johnson. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Submitted by Harry A. Schibanoff, Clerk  
January 17, 20089



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CABLE UTILITY COMMITTEE**

April 17, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall, 12 School Street, Hudson, NH 03051  
Community Development Room

**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Attendance**
3. **Public Input**
4. **Approval of Minutes**
  - A. December 18, 2007 Cable Utility Committee Meeting Minutes
5. **Old Business**
  - A. None
6. **New Business**
  - A. Compensation Issue
  - B. Planning for 2008
  - C. Capital Budgets
6. **Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members**
  - A. Election of Officers
7. **Adjournment**

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