

**Information Systems Advisory Board Meeting  
May 1, 2001  
Minutes**

Members Present:  
Beth Ahern  
Leon Barzin  
Peter Kirkby  
Doug Flemming  
Alan MacDonald

Absent:  
Michael Jaillet  
Steve Anderson  
Chris Geraiis  
Les MacQuarrie  
Iva Conti

Visitors:  
Maureen Nolan

The minutes of the March 3rd meeting were approved as submitted and will be posted on the web site.

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. TOWN UPDATE**

Beth reported that the Town has been occupied with the following:

1. Verizon

High Speed Internet Access

Maureen Nolan briefed the ISAB on the status of DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) and upgraded telephone service to Westwood ([http://www.bell-atl.com/infospeed/more\\_info/faq.html#what\\_is\\_adsl](http://www.bell-atl.com/infospeed/more_info/faq.html#what_is_adsl)). Maureen is the Outside Plant Engineering Manager for Metro/South Shore Area. Maureen explained that Westwood is a remote terminal location and does not have it's own Central Office. Westwood is serviced by the Central Offices in Dedham or Norwood. Due to distance limitations, many Westwood homes do not have DSL available to them. At this time there are no dates for DSL service. A controlled environmental vault is being installed on Canton St and Pond St. New installations, such as these will have ADSL (Asynchronous Digital Subscriber Line) available to some homes in the area, there is no time frame for this service. ISDN is the only Verizon enhanced speed service available for the majority of Westwood residents. Earthlink.com (<http://www.earthlink.com/home/broadband/satellite/>) is also marketing enhanced satellite service, which is available now for uploads and downloads directly to the dish without an additional phone line.

2. University Avenue

The Board of Selectman approved a grant of location on University Ave. for LMAC Communications after a public hearing on April 30<sup>th</sup>. LMAC is acting as lead company to run conduit prior to the road reconstruction project on University Avenue. This conduit will provide access to businesses along University Ave. to connect to telecommunications services. This project was encouraged by the Town to attract businesses desiring state of the art telecommunications services to their facilities. The work will begin immediately in conjunction with the reconstruction for the roadway. Westwood would like to encourage the same type of project when Rt. 109 is reconstructed.

**B. SCHOOLS UPDATE**

1. School projections for next year were produced with Starbase (the student database software), census, and GIS (Geographical Information Systems) data.

**C. GIS UPDATE**

1. The flyover has taken place and the analysis will be produced over the next six months to provide Westwood with new digital information and orthographic photography.

**II. NEW BUSINESS** – none reported

**III. OTHER BUSINESS** – none reported.

**IV. PUBLIC & PRESS**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**Next meeting July 10, 2001 at 7:30pm, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall.**