Fremont Cable Committee Meeting March 7, 2017 MINUTES

In Attendance:
Bruce White, Chair
Leo Danjou-Committee Member
Bill Millios, Committee Member
Felicia Augevich-Committee Member

Chairman opened meeting at 5:30 pm.

Chairman's Report:

The Chair brought attention to various amounts of support for the FCTV Warrant Article as follows:

- Two residents spoke up at the Town Deliberative in favor of FCTV.
- The Town Administrator's enthusiastic presentation at the Town Deliberative.
- The Board of Selectmen taping a presentation for Ch. 22 in favor of the Warrant Article.
- Gene Cordes' placement of a number of signs in favor of Article #18 around town.
- Plus, the support of both the Selectmen and Budget Committee

The Chair also mentioned the Ch. 22 highlights video produced by Bill Millios and the various tapings done by residents on warrant articles, candidates, town budget issues, etc.

The Chair passed out budget reports and noted the FCTV current balance was \$14,000+, just about enough to carry FCTV for the next year.

The Chair gave an update on the meeting room renovations and said that he has spoken with the Selectmen and has explained if FCTV can claim some space of approximately 30 sq. ft. (enough to accommodate the media equipment rack and computer monitor and keyboard) we can keep FCTV on air during renovations including the bulletin board, live broadcast from the library and replays of videotaped meetings when necessary. Details to be worked out with the contractors.

Next, the committee discussed if the warrant article is passed the need to separate the Coordinator's position from the Committee Chair position. Felicia volunteered that she felt Bill would make a good Chair and Bruce agreed. The Chair also said it would be nice if someone volunteered. This would need to be voted on in our April meeting.

Bill Millios asked if the \$14,000+ was enough to carry FCTV for another year if Article #18 doesn't pass. The Chair explained if we include the Coordinator's stipend as was voted for at the January meeting that, combined with stipends for camera operators, \$14,000 is about the projected budget for next year. Bruce did say that he really would not like to volunteer another year without some compensation. All of the above will be re-discussed at the April meeting.

motion was made by Felicia to approve the meeting minutes of December 6, 2016 and January 3, 2017; Bill seconded; approved unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned 5:45 pm.