

## **Fremont Cable Committee Meeting**

**April 4, 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 p.m.

Chairman's Report:

The Chair explained we would need to vote a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson after each Town Election in March. A discussion was held on whether to vote for the positions at the beginning of the meeting. After some discussion, the decision was made to wait until near the end of the meeting.

A vote was taken to approve the minutes of March 7, 2017. Felicia Augevich made a motion to approve. The Chair seconded and passed unanimously.

The Chair commented on the recent success of the voters to approve a Comcast subscriber fee. The Chair mentioned the end result of the vote on Article #18 was 297 yes 260 no. All members expressed their pleasure on having FCTV accepted by the community.

The Chair talked about making our presentation to the School Board in May. The Chair said he was hoping to wait until the Town Hall meeting room renovations were complete in order to invite the School Board members to see the new space, etc. Since the renovations are still pending, the Chair made the decision not to delay our presentation any further.

A discussion ensued about the size of the meeting room. The Chair felt the room would accommodate at least 40 members of the public. Leo asked about the meeting room being used for meetings in lieu of the library. Felicia also spoke about the fact that the School Board was currently using a classroom for meetings and the difficulty of breaking down the classroom, setting up for a meeting and then being returned to classroom use. The Chair said he expected to eventually get the Board to see the completed meeting room and hoped they would see the benefit of its use.

A discussion continued on the conditions that would be needed to eventually get the School Board on live by September 2017, the start of the new school year. Bruce and Felicia agreed they would make the presentation to the School Board together.

The Chair also told members that Nicole Cloutier had offered to help put together a survey to residents concerning FCTV and would be happy to help post it on Fremont Community Facebook page. Bruce said he was getting a survey ready with 3 questions and room for comment and would have it ready for the May meeting so members could comment and make any suggestions.

A brief discussion was held on the positive use of the Town Library and how cooperative Eric Abney and the Library Trustees had been in opening up the library community room for the Town's use as needed for board

meetings and public hearings. The Chair expects when the Town Hall renovations are complete the library equipment will stay in place as a back-up to the Town Hall meeting room.

A brief discussion was held on equipment purchases. New meeting room would be set up with possibly one or two more cameras and the need to replace some cables we are still borrowing from Raymond Community Television. As soon as possible the Board expects to purchase a second camera and tripod for use when needed for the School Board meetings and as a back up to the camera we now use.

The Chair said money would be spent on immediate needs but once the subscriber fee kicks in the bulk of funds coming in would be set aside as a savings to be able to meet any emergency equipment replacement. Bruce felt it would take 3 to 5 years to build up the fund while keeping FCTV expenses to a minimum, as needed.

A discussion was held about how the meeting room might be set up once renovations are complete. Bill informed the other members that the School Board was now being re-broadcast on Vimeo and the Fremont Community Television Facebook page. An additional discussion was held on the possibility of eventually getting more bulletin board notices posted by Ellis School. Also on posting as soon as possible the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the class trip to D.C. during April school vacation.

Near the end of the meeting it was time to vote for a new Chair and Vice Chair. Bruce talked about the process in general and that Bill had made a presentation to the Board of Selectmen on the FCTV Coordinator's position and yearly stipend at the March 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen meeting. The Selectmen put off the decision on the Coordinator's position until a further meeting.

The Board then had a full discussion on the responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair positions. After all members had a complete understanding of the positions, etc. the Board also discussed the solicitation of a fifth member. After this discussion, the Chair made a motion to nominate Bill Millios as the new Chairman. Felicia seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. An additional discussion was held about the Vice Chair and although Felicia Augevich is expected to be nominated as Vice Chair the board neglected to formally nominate and vote on the position so the vote for Vice Chair will be completed at the May meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the new Chair motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bruce seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at approximately 6:20 p.m.