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Sandown Cable Access Board Meeting

Town of Sandown, NH

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Type of Meeting: Public

Method of Notification: Public posting – Town Hall & Post Office

Meeting Location: Town Hall, Second Floor

Members Present: Susan Godin, Loraine Borin, Richard Lewis, Chris Donnellan – Station Manager.

Not Present: Hans Nicolaisen – Selectman Ex-Officio.

Recording Secretary: Sue Reynolds

Meeting was called to order by Susan Godin at 7pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done.

Susan asked the Board to review the minutes of March 25, 2014.

Motion by Loraine Borin to accept the minutes of March 25, 2014 as written.

Seconded by Richard Lewis.

In Favor Loraine Borin and Richard Lewis.

Abstain Susan Godin.

Motion passes 2-0-1

Update on the Cable Franchise Agreement.

Susan Godin explains the BOS would like to have the franchise fee be 2 ½ % for the first 5 years and then 3% for the remaining five years of a 10 year contract and if the contract is for 5 years then they would like the franchise fee to remain at 2% for the first 2 years then go to 3% for years 3-5. Richard Lewis recapped by saying that Comcast will be

31 presented with a 5 year contract when Brian Christensen comes to the May meeting. It
32 was said that Gordon will let Brian know what changes were made in the contract for
33 good faith negotiations. Chris Donnellan suggested having Brian come to the BOS
34 meeting as negotiations come to a close. Richard Lewis will let Brian know that the
35 committee will present him with a draft of a contract at the May meeting and Richard will
36 ask Brian how & when the Cable Committee will know about any changes that Comcast
37 will want to make.

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Station Manager's Report

40 Chris Donnellan updated the committee in regards to the audit and said that the cost of
41 the \$1,200.00 is not applicable to an equipment purchase. Chris also said that the audit
42 price is now \$1,600.00 but they will honor the \$1,200.00 amount that was previously
43 quoted. Richard Lewis wanted it know that he is very disappointed that no monies are
44 put towards the purchase of the equipment, as the Board has dealt with them in the past.
45 The Board agrees to move forward with the audit.

46 **Motion by** Richard Lewis to accept the Sandown Equipment Audit from Access AV in
47 the amount of \$1,200.00 and for them to proceed as soon as possible.

48 **Seconded by** Loraine Borin.

49 **In Favor,** Loraine Borin, Richard Lewis and Susan Godin.

50 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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52 Chris said that he needs the committee to approve the final payment of the curtain. Chris
53 also stated that Donna Greene, the former host of the Sandown Round Up is no longer
54 available to do this, but Chris said he has another person in mind to be the host and he
55 will update the committee further on this next month.

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57 Susan Godin said the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 with the
58 Comcast representative and the public is always welcome to attend and the committee is
59 always is looking for new members.

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61 Loraine Borin asked how cable issues are handled with unhappy subscribers and would
62 like to set a precedence as to how these matters are handled. Chris said he has only
63 received 1 letter and 1 phone call and he should be receiving them then the committee
64 should be passing them on to the BOS. Richard Lewis said he spoke with Brian
65 Christensen at Comcast and the situation with Mr. Nickerson has been resolved.

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67 Meeting adjourned 7:30

68 Respectfully submitted,

69 Sue Reynolds