

In Attendance:

Bill Millios, Coordinator

Greg Fraize, Chairman

Todd O'Malley, Committee Member

Neal Janvrin, Select Board Representative

I. The Coordinator called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Neal made a motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2023 as written. Todd seconded and the vote was approved 4-0.

III. Chairman's Report – Greg had no updates but mentioned that they would be preparing for the public sessions over the next few months.

IV. Coordinator's Report

A. Bill reached out to Comcast regarding the time frame for Fremont's new Hi Definition Channel and is waiting for a reply. He stated that all the equipment in the control room has been tested by Comcast and is ready to launch with the Hi Def channel. When it goes live Bill will put out a public announcement. The HD channel will be the preferred channel and will be shown at the library. He also mentioned that channel 8 was changed to channel 13 and other towns standard service channels have been changed. Bill will keep everyone up to date with this process.

B. Equipment Overview

Over the summer the Lumens Camera Switcher was installed, and all cameras are working fine. Bill reported that the sound issues over the summer were loose wires. They may be able to streamline the wires to have a more dependable sound system, currently the sound goes through 7 – 8 steps. The meetings are also recorded in HD through Vimeo and Castus. Bill has updated the control room diagram and will update it again when this is streamlined. Bill has begun getting battery backups from Batteries Plus in Manchester.

Bill mentioned the camera situation on October 17th before the Select Board meeting may have been a power surge, he borrowed a unit from RCTV which powered two cameras and the fuses were blown in the three others when turned on. Kevin Woods from RCTV worked with Bill testing the equipment over the next few days, the two cameras from 2015 were a problem and the 3rd was under warranty and was sent to be repaired. He has contacted KeyCode Media in Concord, they were the low bid \$3,720 for two replacement cameras. Bill and Kevin will be installing the cameras. He took the computer board of the Altronics unit that blew which has a lifetime warranty and Bill sent it to NY.

Bill renewed the membership and back dues for NH Coalition for Community Media.

C. Bill said he has 12 videos with Matthew Thomas on Fremont History that he has been working on for a year. Each video will be 2 – 5 minutes long and one will be released each week for 3 months. They may make more videos in the future.

V. FCTV financials – The current working balance in the FCTV revolving account is \$42,523.03 to include amounts spent through end of the month (and camera quote above).

There was some discussion on what the future of cable TV will be and how it could affect the franchise fee paid to FCTV. There was also discussion about FCTV being self-sufficient when some equipment is not working like RCTV with some items kept on site.

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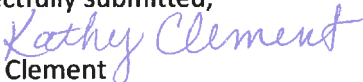
VI. New Business

The Public Budget Meeting will be held January 10, 2024. Greg mentioned that there are speakers mounted on the wall at the Ellis School, this will make it easier to set up meetings. There was discussion on the mics for the meeting.

VII. Next meeting is January 15, 2024.

VIII. With no further business before the Committee Neal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm. Todd seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathy Clement
Recording Secretary