

## **Report of the FCTV Committee 2020**

Cable Committee Members:                      Greg Fraize – Chair                      Bill Millios - Coordinator  
Todd O'Malley – Member                      Jose Rivera-Hernandez – Member  
Neal Janvrin – Member & Selectmen's Representative  
Ian Fraize – Camera Operator  
Kathy Clement – Recording Secretary

Fremont Community Television is a public access channel open to town residents and is not a government channel. Our operating budget is funded through a franchise fee from Comcast television subscribers and used primarily to fund and maintain equipment as well as continue paying stipends to ensure that all local government meetings are broadcast (generally 9-11 meetings per month).

### **Accomplishments for 2020:**

- We were fortunate to have Todd O'Malley and Jose Rivera-Hernandez join our Cable Committee this past year. Both bring years of computer and technology-based experience to our Committee and we look forward to working with Todd and Jose in the years ahead.
- We had two major upgrades in our control room. Both were necessary at the time and will also provide for higher-quality broadcasts and equipment stability. In March we purchased a Broadcast Pix computer system which is used to professionally record meetings in the basement meeting room. At the time we also purchased two additional studio microphones as well as a fifth broadcast camera for the meeting room. Then in November we purchased a new CASTUS broadcast server which, in addition to being a more stable broadcasting system, will also allow FCTV to be able to live stream Town and School meetings.
- In September we purchased an 85-inch television for the basement meeting room. This TV is used exclusively for assisting with meetings by projecting a screen from a laptop for those attending remotely as well as screening any necessary text, slides or graphics.
- We continued to broadcast meetings live in the main floor meeting room at the Town Hall, occasionally simultaneously (using both of our channels, 13 & 22) when there is also a meeting in the downstairs meeting room taking place.
- As we've done since 2015, we posted all meetings on the Internet using the station's Vimeo channel at [www.vimeo.com/fctv22](http://www.vimeo.com/fctv22).
- To increase awareness in the community we continued to post on our Facebook page a weekly schedule of the station's upcoming live broadcasts.



In the near future we hope to use our new CASTUS broadcasting server to begin live streaming on the Internet for all Town and School District meetings and events.

We also offer a special thanks to Greg Fraize for all of his generous time and help this past year with our control room equipment upgrades.

If you would like to volunteer and/or help develop Fremont Community Television's future, contact the Town Administrator Heidi Carlson, at 603 895 3200 x 301 or FCTV at 603 895 3200 x 312.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Millios  
Fremont Community Television Coordinator

Photo is FCTV Cable Operator Ian Fraize (L) broadcasting and taping the 2020 Deliberative Session on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The meeting was held at Ellis School.

Photo courtesy of FCTV Coordinator Bill Millios