## **Report of Fremont Community Television**

Cable Committee Members: Bill Millios – Chairman Bruce White – Coordinator Neal Janvrin – Member & Selectmen Representative Felicia Augevich – Member Alex Coulombe – Volunteer & Camera Operator

The highlight of 2017 for FCTV was the voters of Fremont approved a Comcast subscriber fee to fund public access television. Due to the fact Comcast only instituted the fee in October of 2017 (which held up any payments until February 2018) most of our plans for 2017 had to be delayed; therefore, our goals for 2018 are similar to last year.

On the positive side the Town completed its renovations of the Town Hall basement in November and with a new town meeting room FCTV has a newly renovated control room. With the help of Kevin Woods from Raymond Cable TV, we were able to re-install our equipment and begin broadcasting live again.

It was a long summer into fall (5 months) while renovations were being completed. Although we lost our ability to stay on air, with the help of Fremont Library personnel and the use of the Library community room we were able to do video recording of board and committee meetings for re-broadcast during the week.

Also, in November Neal Janvrin, the Selectmen Cable Representative and Bruce White, the Cable TV Coordinator, met with Jay Somers of Comcast to begin negotiations on the renewal of our Town's cable television contract for 2019 concentrating on three issues:

- 1. A second broadcast channel for School Board meetings and school events, etc.
- 2. Helping a number of our residents receive Fremont Public Access rather than Raymond or Epping.
- 3. Reduce the current number of dwellings per mile from 20 to 10 who are eligible to receive Comcast cable television.

We would like to once more thank Fremont residents for their support of public access television in the Town Elections this past March.

Personally, I would like to thank all of our Cable Committee members, who are also camera operators, for their continued support over the past year. A special thank you to Leo Danjou, a founding member of the Cable Committee in 2014 and of course Kevin Woods, our Technician from Raymond Cable TV.

If you would like to join the Cable Committee or occasionally help video recording School, Library or Town events, please contact Bruce White at 603 895 3200 X 312 or by email at <u>FremontCTV@gmail.com</u>; or Heidi Carlson, Town Administrator.

We meet generally the second Monday of each month at the Fremont Town Hall Basement Meeting Room at 6:00 pm. We welcome public participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce N. White Fremont Community Television Coordinator



Town Deliberative Session at Ellis School 6 February 2017

Note FCTV Camera Operator Alex Coulombe at far right behind the camera!

Photo Courtesy of Heidi Carlson

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

- Albert Schweitzer