

ABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

AUGUST 21, 2018

1. **REVIEW** OF MIN^{ES} FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
4. **CABLE DIRECTOR'S** REPORT: UPDATE ON PEG FUNCTIONING, CHANNEL 95 UPDATE ,NEXT STEPS
5. **UPDATE** ON R^P FOR OTHER CABLE PROVIDERS
6. **UPDATE** ON 7/31 PUBLIC MEETING ON SENIOR DISCOUNT AND BULK RATES
7. **MOU** WITH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT: STATUS UPDATE AND DISCUSSION
8. **COMMITTEE** MISSION STATEMENT
8. **ANY OTHER** BUSINESS NOT ANTICIPATED PRIOR TO AGENDA

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF MEETING

August 21, 2018

FAIRHAVEN,
MASS.

The meeting came to order on 7:02PM

Present: Derek Frates, GUEST
Ronnie Medina
Barbara Acksen
John Methia
Kenneth Souza
Maria J. Carvalho

Barbara Acksen introduced Kenneth Souza, who after having been duly appointed to the Committee was attending his first meeting.

Bob Espindola was absent because he was attending another committee meeting being held at the same time as the Cable Advisory Committee meeting. Therefore, the minutes of the minutes of the previous meeting were not reviewed due to Mr. Espindola's absence.

Derek Frates presented his report:

- a. Minutes of the meetings for the last two years are now available on the website;
- b. Wi-fi in Town Hall still not working properly;
- c. Now in the process of hiring more videographers;
- d. Livestream has meetings of the various town committees;
- e. The various camera shoots of concerts at Town Hall are on FHTV—Youtube;
- f. Links of FHTV on Facebook and town page;
- g. Fairhaven Recycles video;
- h. CGI producing a video highlighting quality of life, rich history, in addition to real estate opportunities and amazing school system in Fairhaven;
- i. Now Derek is focusing on Public Access;
- j. Concentrating on ideas for the open house to be held in the Fall;
- k. Channel 95 still not up and running; and
- l. National Night Out was well attended.

Discussion was had on setting up a studio for use by community groups.

RFP's for other cable providers—expecting other companies to respond.

Discussion of the public meeting held a couple of weeks before regarding the bulk rates and elderly discounts. People are unhappy with the Senior Discount. The Bulk rates were more mysterious as they differed for each place/multiple unit dwelling, so the actual cost could not be discussed at the meeting, but have to be discussed with COMCAST by a representative from each organization seeking the bulk rate. Hopefully they will become more satisfied.

Memo of Understanding with School Department. Discussion on educational programming—standards as to how programming would get broadcast; cooperative argument and sharing resources; split of fees; monthly reports; reps from the School Department and Town to get the best model.

Derek Frates brought up the matter of upgrading the audio on School Dept. committee—audio very mediocre.

Barbara brought up the Mission Statement for the Cable Advisory Committee. Perhaps going forward we need to restate our purpose. Ideas will be welcome to add to the Mission Statement. Chairman is looking to have a future discussion on this.

Motion was made by John Methia to adjourn at 7:38 PM. Kenneth Souza seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria J. Carvalho