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Cable Advisory Committee

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PLACE OF MEETING: **Town Hall – Banquet Room**

DATE AND TIME: **April 7th, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.**

MEETING OF: Cable Advisory Committee



(Signature)

5-28-2015

(Date Signed)

Present: Barbara Acksen, Ex-officio: Selectman Bob Espindola, Ronnie Medina
Absent: None

Guests in attendance: Jim Donnelly, Steve Valoucas, Drew Furtado, John Methia, Karen Vilandry

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M.

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting minutes were presented from the March 18th meeting.

Bob Espindola Made a motion to Approve

Ronnie Media Seconded

There was no further discussion

The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Community Media Visioning proposal (Chuck Sherwood).

Bob Espindola Made a motion to Accept the proposal and send to the Board of Selectmen

Ronnie Media Seconded

There was no further discussion

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment with Jim Donnelly

Mr. Donnelly discussed his experience and generally what he could offer the Town. The CAC informed Mr. Donnelly that any hiring would need to go through the Public process and that a job description would need to be generated and an hourly rate be determined, even for a part time, temporary position. He will await further information about that process.

John Methia spoke on behalf of Mr. Donnelly stating that he knew Mr. Donnelly for many years in the industry and he had good technical ability.

Mr. Methia also stated that he would be willing to assist with technical aspects of setting up a studio.

A discussion ensued about Public Access content. Jim Donnelly pointed out that certain types of Public Access methods and that content can be posted using a web based program and pointed out that we would need to decide if we wanted all residents to be able to view content or if we would want, instead, for the content to be limited to only those who subscribe.

Barbara Acksen pointed out that school children from Acushnet attend our High School and that would be one reason to allow internet based access. She also pointed out that some people move out of town and would still like to follow what is going on in town.

Steve Voloucas spoke about a program called Vimeo which costs about \$199 per year and allows streaming, high definition content.

Jim Donnelly spoke about the use of Facebook page, but stated that certain parameters would need to be set.

John Methia suggested starting Public access with a simple measure of recording 5-10 events on a low budget. He referred to Channel 36 in Rhode Island as a case of a channel that recently went to a not for profit status.

Steve Valoucas pointed to 3C TV out of Plymouth as a "Top of the line" station to emulate.

Bob Espindola motioned to adjourn at 8:32 P.M.

Ronnie Medina Seconded

No further discussion

The vote was unanimous

Submitted by Bob Espindola, acting Secretary