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Cable Advisory Committee

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PLACE OF MEETING: **EMA Building – 150 Sconticut Neck Road**

DATE AND TIME: **June 11th, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.**

MEETING OF: Cable Advisory Committee

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6-26-2015

(Date Signed)

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

Guests in attendance: Jim Donnelly, Steve Valoucas, Judith Martinez, Jonn Rogers, Gary Lavolette, Marc Jodoin, Charles Page, Anders Uthoff,

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M.

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting minutes were presented from the May 28th meeting.

John Methia made a motion to approve the notes amended as noted

Ronnie Media Seconded

There was no further discussion

The motion carried unanimously.

Marc Jodoin presented to the CAC a request to purchase two (2) Peavey Escort 6000 Portable PA Systems for \$899.00 each (see attached reference) and two (2) Pyle Pro PDWM8700 8 Channel wireless VHF Microphone Systems for \$218.00 each (see attached reference). The basis for purchasing this equipment from Cable Subscription fees is that the equipment would be used at various Town events and those events would, then be broadcast on Public Access TV.

Marc indicated that the equipment is rated for outdoor use and is two (2) times as powerful as the unit that EMA currently has (which malfunctioned badly at the Memorial Day Services this year).

Marc indicated that the equipment could be set up in designated areas in the event of an emergency (i.e. West Island if the island is flooded, etc.).

After discussion John Methia motioned to send the quotes to the Board of Selectmen for with a recommendation to purchase two (2) systems as requested by the EMA.

The motion was seconded by Ronnie Medina

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried (unanimous).

The CAC Committee

Charles Page from Telvue presented the Telvue products and services that would be available to the Town of Fairhaven if we decided to go with his company.

Charles indicated that Telvue is different from all other manufacturers in that everything is transmitted as IP based data. Telvue is the only one doing this in the PEG market. Content is converted to data which can scare some people but he claimed that is the way of the future and that Comcast prefers it and major Television stations are using the same format.

He outlined the following

- The System is modular and very resilient.
- Hypercaster is the brains of the operation.
- The B100 has 4 channels of SD or 2 channels of HD with 4 TB of storage.
- The Provue converts data back to SDI (Serial Digital Interface) and all servers are HD and will play SD if needed. This can be a big time saver for editors.
- Has a downstream feature for bugs, tickers (i.e. Emergency ticker could be used by EMA).
- All management can be done remotely
- On line = HD – Telvue can be programmed.

- A 2-Channel system would cost in the ball park \$30,000 where a system that could have up to 10 channels and cover all three elements of PEG with back-up capacity would cost about \$50,000. These are all ballpark values and would need to be further developed based on scope.
- The system is web based so people programming can be anywhere and access the system (through password protection) and equipment can be located anywhere as well.
- Telvue also runs web access “clouds” for data storage. This is what Mass Access and Media Exchange use.
- Telvue will help with network design and work with Town IT representatives to work through Firewall issues, etc.

John Methia asked if someone brings own DVD of programming what would happen. Charles said that the DVD in board converts to MPEG 2 format. He said the Telestream is like a “Swiss Army Knife (can do just about anything).

- Trusted user groups (say a church group for example) could be provided with their own password and they could be given a scheduled time slot to produce content and then publish. This would be restricted and carefully monitored by Public Access or Town Employees and only after operating rules and procedures are put into place
- Charles indicated that programming is typically scheduled for who is home at any given time, a certain population is home during the week during the day and you cater toward them, etc.
- Cloud services come with a negotiable annual fee but typical about \$3,000 per year.
- If the Town lost internet connectivity, a connection can still be made through the equipment through cable (at the equipment location).
- A “Silent Rack System” is available for about \$3000 and this option provides a self-contained cabinet with a glass door and improved ventilation / cooling. This is used some times in clean environments and could be a consideration depending on the location of the equipment
- Fairhaven High School was discussed and it was noted that there are security issues accessing equipment at that location so it is not a desirable location for new equipment.
- Gary Lavolette discussed what Dartmouth has for studio space and remote equipment and stated that theirs could serve as a model in some regards, for Fairhaven.
- John Methia noted that Ryan Seacrest Studios is worth looking up on line because they have studio systems that are set in tight confines and come as a complete assembly.
- Charles said that HB Communications is on the state bid list so that is one possibility for procurement of Telvue equipment.
- Service Contracts cost about 15% of the hardware cost and goes down for multi-year

agreements. Service covers technical support 24x7. Telvue has technicians located in this region. Service contracts include any software updates.

Chuck Sherwood indicated the license renewal was in several years but negotiations could begin any time now (inside three years) and that the goal should be to light the channel 95 on the way to renewal.

He recommended allowing access to people on line

It was decided that Bob Espindola would approach Drew Furtado and Meaghen Avila to see if they would agree to meet with Charles to see if Telvue might be considered by the School Department and Government Access. If a meeting can be set up, Bob would invite John Methia for technical support and either Bob or Ronnie Medina would be the other representative of the CAC. The target date would be June 24th – 26th.

The group toured the EMA building and discussed possible use of the kitchen area.

Bob Espindola said that he would contact Jeffrey Osuch about possible use of an architect to develop plans for renovations at the EMA building.

The committee requested that the next meeting again be conducted at the EMA building and all agreed that would be best and EMA representatives confirmed that would be OK.

It was decided that it would be on Thursday, June 25th, at 7:00 P.M. in the EMA building.

Bob Espindola motioned to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. ???

Ronnie Medina Seconded

No further discussion

The vote was unanimous

Submitted by Bob Espindola, acting Secretary