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MINUTES OF MEETING OF FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2013

FREETOWN TOWN HALL- ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
3 NORTH MAIN ST., ASSONET, MASSACHUSETTS

9:00 A.M. Call to Order by Chairman Paul G. Sadeck. Those present: Selectman Lisa A. Pacheco, Selectman Lee J. Baumgartner, Town Administrator Richard Brown Bob Marshall and Ruth Gross. Meeting recorded by Selectman Sadeck.

Weekly Public Discussion period

- Discuss LakeCam with Bob Marshall – Mr. Marshall clarifies the proposal they will be making channel 9 available to Freetown. Selectman Pacheco asks that the proposals mirror each other. Yes Mr. Marshall says we would not restrict the number of times that we have showings for chorals etc. Selectman Sadeck asks what would happen if after 12 months if we went with LakeCam. Mr. Marshall says he hadn't given that much thought. He thinks the price would go up then to cover the Board meetings. We are a small group. We are already shooting a ton of our own meeting. They are using students to tape meetings also. We have a lot of programming. All of this needs to be edited and formatted and then entered. So there is a lot of work to be done. Therefore what takes place after 12 months he can't speak to that. He would be open to speaking about that. Mr. Brown says if we leave Middleboro can we still broadcast on 95 or will we have to go with another channel. Mr. Marshall's guess would be that we would continue however you would have to speak with your Comcast representative Gerry Buckley regarding that. If it goes on our channel then we would need to impose a 3 time slot only viewing. So your agreement is only covering the educational channel that is what the $5,000.00 gets you. Mr. Brown says that once the agreement is signed then this would go back to January 13, 2013. Mr. Marshall says yes it goes back. Selectman Sadeck asks why are paying back to January were we getting a service from you? Mr. Marshall says yes you have been getting a service from us on channel 9 since September 17th, 2012 without paying. I am talking about the educational channel only. Selectman Sadeck asks why they didn't you shut this off. Mr. Marshall said we didn't because we had a lot of stuff going on and we didn't meet. He spoke with Selectman Pacheco and Rev. Dias and that maybe the Cable Committee would be reactivated. Mr. Marshall was waiting for that to happen. Selectman Sadeck asks if LakeCam has a relationship with Lakeville. Mr. Marshall say yes and no. The Town gets funds to be used for cable related matters only

and that is how we are funded. Selectman made a decision to have an access corporation. That happened February of last year. Selectman Pacheco said that is why we wanted to put the Cable Access committee together. Mr. Brown said however we don't get any additional fees like Lakeville. Mr. Marshall says you should. Mr. Brown said he looked at the contract. Based on that agreement there is not another revenue source. Selectman Pacheco believes we missed the window. Mr. Brown said that it was missed while Mr. Healey was here. Mr. Marshall believes that you are receiving approx $24,000.00. Lakeville has gone from 1% to 4% and we have been allowing that money to accrue. Except for spending some for the High School media room. This is not tax money (the percentage portion) it is not to be used on anything but the cable things. Selectman Sadeck finds it hard to go from1% to nothing. Mr. Brown says it may be how the fee is labeled. He knows when DOR looked at it they said that it was general fund. Mr. Marshall says that Town Accounts just looks at what you give them. Mr. Brown says that we gave them the contract to look at. Selectman Pacheco says she recommends that we bring back the Cable Committee to look at the whole picture. Selectman Sadeck says we should do that. Selectman Sadeck asks he would like the contract to be amended to say that the notices submitted should be approved by the Board of Selectman. Selectman Pacheco says don't we then get into the freedom of information act? Mr. Brown says no he doesn't believe so. Selectman Pacheco says well if people wanted to put on a recall petition against me then what would happen. Mr. Marshall says we would have to see on that. It is possible that it may already be that 501C people may already give us announcements. We would need to see your wording. Mrs. Gross says we would have to see if your objections are against our policies. Mr. Marshall said that our attorney made it clear that there had to be a vail between the Board of Selectmen of Lakeville and them. Mr. Brown says we have the same issue with the Town sign. Mr. Marshall says they don't have a policy yet. They are just coming up with it. He says if we don't follow the law then we will be in trouble. Selectman Pacheco says we can set a policy in our Town. Mr. Brown says we are a client, as part of the fee we pay we should be able to review content. Mr. Marshall says we have certain things to follow. He needs to run this all by his executive director and attorneys'. Mrs. Gross says we need to play this balancing game. Selectman Sadeck asks what their budget is. Mr. Marshall says they receive roughly $154,000.00. Selectman Sadeck asks if we will be your only client. Mr. Marshall says they won't be looking for anyone however they won't refuse to speak with anyone. Selectman Pacheco says it is important the school committee meeting etc. be aired so townspeople can view these important meetings. Selectman Baumgartner asks about the $40,000.00 drop to $5,000.00 why? Mr. Marshall says if you had gotten out of the gate with us you would have had a lot more. He spoke with Rev. Dias and he remembers $24,000.00. The possibility of Freetown having their own channel was discussed. Mr. Marshall says that option is gone now. Mr. Brown said the decisions on your capital investments were already made when we started discussing. Mr. Marshall says that in June the wiring had to be done. In July 15th the decisions had been made. Mr Brown nothing would have precluded us from filming and asking it to be shown on your channel. Selectman Pacheco says this is a good stepping stone however we don't have the money now. Selectman Sadeck wants a copy of the contract. Selectman Pacheco says we should go over it. The Boards action will accept this in concept and work out the language in non profits. Mr. Marshall said the service that you have been receiving since

September has been funded by Lakeville and our Board has made it clear this needs to be done by a date certain. Selectman Sadeck says that is your Boards decision however our Board we needs to look into this. Selectman Pacheco says we will look into this it is important. Selectman Sadeck says he has no issue with this just wants to get this straight. Mr. Marshall says he will wait for Mr. Brown to send the verbiage to him. Selectman Pacheco says we could do it at the next meeting possibly.

- Selectman Sadeck says he wants it changed with the approval of the Board of Selectman that ads for the Town of Freetown may be submitted to the Board of Selectmen. Mrs. Gross clarifies that each ads needs to go through the Freetown Board and be approved first. Mr. Marshall wants to know if they have any 1st amendment concerns. Selectman Pacheco says LakeCam should not have any programming that has not been approved thought the board first. Maybe Ali can create a media release form. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to move forward with the language to the agreement with LakeCam. Passed unanimously.

- Action on Administrative Assistant Alexandra Golz Contract. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) To approve and sign. Passed unanimously.

- PIMD Southcoast Rail – Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to execute this agreement

- Citation for Patty – Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to present at Annual Town Meeting a Citation be given to Patty along with other people just before the meeting. Emily Cudworth award was also given out to a 3rd grader and that at that would be nice to do as well as to Employees. Maybe people could nominate other for Town service a Length of Service Award.

- Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve Selectman Baumgartner to be the Regional Finance Committee member.

- Chipaway Road issue - Selectman Baumgartner says we should bill the contractor. Other residents may want their yards done now too if we start fixing this.

Motion to adjourn 10:44 (Baumgartner/Pacheco). Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ali Golz

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