

**Meeting recording is available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/FreetownMA/videos> **

Town Administrator David DeManche opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

Town Administrator David DeManche, Committee Members Bruce W. Wilbur, Josh Tefft and Bob Alderson were present.

Mr. DeManche mentioned the committee had a meeting on 3/9/2020 with Town Counsel, Town Administrator David DeManche, committee members Bob Alderson and Josh Tefft were also present at this meeting. Mr. DeManche stated that some of things discussed were that the rates portion of the negotiations were not on the table, whether or not there were discounts available from Comcast for certain types of classes that people may want to take, specifically for Military, Disabled and Seniors, pass through money (1% approximately \$21,000/year), how the assessment was done, process in terms of what was needed by the town, the Police Station set up in regards to cameras and equipment, Middleboro and Lake Cam, number of subscribers who paid .50 for annual license, what operating costs were used for (equipment and salaries), Lake Cam and Middle Cam as part of our negotiations in regards to feedback. Mr. DeManche noted he did get a response back from Jose at Lake Cam saying he would be willing to assist with contract negotiations. Mr. DeManche also noted he contacted Karen Foyes in Middleboro just today and has not synced up with her yet. How much we needed on annual basis, 2% of gross annual revenues, need for a studio, what types of programming we would like to see. We also scheduled a meeting for 4/13/2020 but due to COVID19 that meeting did not happen.

Mr. DeManche continued that we are at a point where we need to go into Executive Session and discuss specifically what we want to do and wants to note contract expires 10/11/2020 so there is a bit of rush but not a critical rush. Has had initial discussions with Mike Galla, from Comcast and asked him for a couple of dates to set meetings. Asked if committee would like to go into Executive Session for someone to make a motion.

- Motion: Mr. Bruce Wilbur makes a motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to Mass General Laws C30A Section 21 subsection A, subsection 3 to discuss the strategy with perspective contract negotiations with an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body and the Chair so declares.
- Vote: approved in a unanimous roll call vote
- Motion: Bob Alderson makes a motion that Bruce Wilbur will be the Chair of the committee. Josh Tefft seconds the motion via text message/chat on Zoom.
- Vote: approved in a unanimous roll call vote

Mr. DeManche moved meeting to Executive session at 5:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Lu-Ann Souza
Senior Clerk, Board of Selectmen