

Cable Advisory Committee Meeting

7/15/2020 4:00pm Notes

Meeting Held Virtually

Per Governor Bakers Orders

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Cheryl C. A. Estrella

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

Town Administrator David DeManche opened the meeting at 4:08m.

Town Administrator David DeManche, Chairman Bruce W. Wilbur, and Committee Member Josh Tefft, Mike Galla from Comcast were present.

Town Administrator David DeManche read statement regarding public meetings:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, sec. 18, and the Governors March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Freetown Police Sub-Committee will be conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. A recording, transcript or other comprehensive record of proceedings will be posted to the Town's YouTube Channel and/or the Town of Freetown Website www.freetownma.gov

Mr. Wilbur has a question about a change order and asked if we were charged to do a change order? Mr. Wilbur said change order for the police \$7,106.90 broadcast camera roughing and louvered door installation due to heat in room 141

- Motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$7,106.90 proposed by Josh Tefft seconded by Bruce Wilbur.
- Vote: approved in a unanimous roll call vote

Mr. DeManche did a run through on proposed bargaining points. Mr. Wilbur was questioning the \$130,000. Mr. DeManche said he originally was asking \$65,000 and doubled so they would have more to do a proposed studio. Mr. Wilbur noted this is only \$10,000 a year and thinks we should be asking for \$200,000. Mr. Wilbur noted Palmer is getting \$150,00 over 15K a year, Hingham in 2019 gets \$250,000. Mr. DeManche noted they are much larger than us. Lakeville is \$10,288/year with \$100,000. Mr. DeManche says let us go into it at \$200,000 and see where it goes from there. Mr. DeManche noted that we should go from 1-2% which would net \$70,000/year. We also get 50 cents per subscriber which nets \$1,400/year. Mr. DeManche does not think we will get the free drops. Mr. Wilbur still wants to put it on the table for discussion. Mr. DeManche notes we have about 2,500 subscribers. Mr. Wilbur would like to know how many subscribers in other communities. Mr. DeManche notes the number of subscribers is going down. He notes things will continue to change especially when 5G comes to town.

Josh Tefft asked if it would be worth talking about the transition to 5G in these negotiations. Mr. DeManche said we will just see what they say and if they bring it up. Mr. Wilbur asked did they give us a free drop at Town Hall or Police Station? Mr. DeManche said we are purchasing five drops at the new Police Station. He noted they can no longer give free drops to municipalities.

- Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:21pm proposed by Josh Tefft, seconded by Bruce Wilbur
- Vote approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Lu-Ann Souza

Senior Clerk, Board of Selectmen