

Sandown Cable Board
Minutes
August 2,2023

Date: August 2nd , 2023

Place: Sandown Town Hall

Members Present: Richard Lewis, Chairperson, Chris Donnellan, Vice-Chair and Eric Olsen (Selectmen Ex-Officio)

Members Absent:

Opening: Mr. Lewis called the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Selectmen Olsen made a motion to approve the June 27th meeting minutes as amended .
2nd by Mr. Donnellan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Donnellan discussed the VOD replacement. If ordered, it would take a couple of weeks to arrive. Mr. Donnellan received 3 different options. He suggested that option 1 was the best option. This has 10 TB Raid Storage and has the updated software. \$11,937.50 includes installation and shipping. Usually has an end of life in about 6 years, which will be in the year 2029. Mr. Donnellan also mentioned that software insurance was a flat fee and can remote in if a problem arises. We can update additional storage at a later time. Selectmen Olsen asked if 10 TB would be enough storage and if we go to HD. Mr. Donnellan said that we have only used 2 TB in 4 years. Also, stated that the VOD files are not as big. VIO servers if fine at this point.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve up to \$12,000.00 for the server a Tightrope Pro VOD with 10TB Raid Storage. **2nd by Selectmen Olsen.** All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Lewis would like to have an update on the extended warranty.

Selectmen Olsen brought up about the changing of the cable station. Going from Ch 17 to Ch 16. Get a hold of vendors with a new email address.

Mr. Lewis talked about the negotiation of the cable contract. Brian from Comcast met with the BOS on the update of the contract. Some question arise was about the cost of cable. Brian gave Mr. Lewis a flyer from Comcast Cable with the standard rate structures. Fiber plans in town, fiber networks already in town. At this point no plans are to bring Fiber to the home. Selectmen Olsen also mentioned about the channel change, Brian had talked at the BOS meeting that it all Towns could have the same channel number, so if you would go to Salem they would have the same channel number as Sandown. Mr. Donnellan would like to see something on Ch. 17 to say that we moved to Ch 16. This change is coming fast. On or about August 24th would be the change. Mr. Lewis had asked Brian about the plans of the channels going HD this would be an item of

negotiation. Brian sent a breakdown of the quarterly payment Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis will send that to the board. Brian offered a name of an attorney from Exeter, Kate Miller from Donahue Tucker and Ciandella. Brian will also send a template of a contract to the board.

Mr. Lewis talked about the levels, will have for the next meeting the rates. Selectman Olsen mentioned that Lynne can help with this. Mr. Lewis also talked about the funds that channel 17 has. Would like to see if it could go into another account, CD or money market. Selectmen Olsen mentioned that the Town just moved fund to Trustees of the Trust Funds. This would be something that the Gayle could help with. Mr. Lewis will investigate the contract to see if this able to be done. Will have an update at next meeting.

Mr. Donnellan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 2nd by Mr. Lewis. All in favor. Motioned passed.

Next meeting August 27th at 7:00

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Olsen