

SAUGUS TV-MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 26,2018
ONE PEARCE MEMORIAL DRIVE, SAUGUS, MA

- **Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm**
- **Attendance:** - Al DiNardo, President - Donna Sordello, Vice President, Fatima Allan, Treasurer,
- Guests: Scott Crabtree, Town Manager, Debra Panetta, Chairman, Scott Brazis

Al DiNardo opened the discussion by explaining to the Selectmen the importance of finding a location for Saugus TV, he stated that one year would be a sufficient amount of time to start up the entire studio in a new location.

Fatima presented the architects proposed drawings to the BOS for the Main Street location, no costs were discussed at this time for construction to add an office suite to the upper level of building. Also, explained that rent would be \$2,500 per month for first 6 months during construction phase and will remain at \$4,000 per month with minimal cost increases thereafter for a 10-year contract. Although no lease has been drafted as of this date. Owner will give Saugus TV first option to buy.

Debra Panetta had reservations about investing money into a building that was not owned by the Town or Saugus TV, she asked that the BOD schedule another meeting with the owner of the Main Street Building to get exact rental costs, also to ask owner to consider capitol improvements to the building and reduce or pay no rent during this construction time. Debra stated that parking could be a problem at that location as well.

Fatima specifically asked Scott Crabtree regarding any Municipal buildings or a parcel of land for a modular building that Saugus TV could utilize for the Studio. Scott stated that the Town had no space or municipalities that they could offer Saugus TV for relocation. Fatima wanted to make it clear that Saugus TV BOD has been looking for at least 6 months now and asked the BOS for their input in the relocation process. As of this meeting Scott Brazis and Debra Panetta gave some suggestions to the BOD, as to locations on Route 1 such as;... Nickole building, China Buffet building, upper level Sears at Mall & old Petco that were some possibilities. They suggested finding a building on Route One that does need a lot of construction and possibly get more reasonable space for the money.

Al DiNardo stated that the rents on Route 1 would be higher than in Saugus Center or Cliftdale, also Saugus TV should be in Town and not on Route 1 for accessibility to schools and members.

Debra mentioned the possibility of Fiber Optics that would be advantageous for the Town and Saugus TV. Bryan and Al agreed that Saugus TV needs to update much of its technology, fiber optics may not be needed any longer for live meeting signals, new technology uses IP addresses (internet).

Ending the meeting, the BOS asked Saugus TV BOD to research more options for re-location and discussion will be continued at another meeting. No further date has been set.

Fatima motioned to close meeting that was 2nd by the Chair

Meeting adjourned: 7:46 pm