

# **GATCom regular meeting** (Government Access Television Access Commission)

Minutes for 08/23/16

Present: Allan DeYoung (by telephone), Nancy Polk, Mary Hill, Theresa Bahner

Also: Pua Ford (coordinator & clerk)

Excused: Aldon Hynes

*This meeting was not video-recorded.*

1. Call to Order: Bahner called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of Town Hall.
  
2. Approve Minutes: May 31, 2016  
Hill moved to approve the May 31 minutes as presented; Polk seconded the motion.  
*Vote to approve unanimous* **Motion passed.**
  
3. Receive Coordinator Reports
  - a. *WGATV reports:* Two recording failures occurred while Ford was attending a family wedding out of state: The 8-year-old Canon camcorder broke down during a special Town Plan & Zoning meeting (concerning Woodbridge Village Associates and a JCC request to extend the hours for the outdoor pool). A normally reliable operator failed to notice a loose cable during the first regular meeting for the new Woodbridge school superintendent; the recording has no audio.
  
  - b. *State, regional & federal updates:* At the national ACM conference in Boston last week, Ford reported FCC discussion of closed captioning requirements. While most PEG television people agree that the CC service is desirable, it is still very expensive. ACM and allies are seeking exemption for lower-budgeted access TV operations from the requirement to provide closed captioning on all programming.  
Bahner believes that updated cable boxes provide captioning for all programs, but WGATV has not used one so this could not be verified.
  
4. Business: DeYoung wishes to pursue an online survey for town residents about WGATV; he has sent possible questions for this earlier. The recent surveys about zoning preferences and other town matters shows that it can be done. Ford will be in touch with town staff about this.
  
5. Adjournment: Hill moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.; Polk seconded the motion. Those present stayed to view and judge submissions to the Northeast Video Festival.  
**Motion approved unanimously; meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pua Ford

**Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday September 27 at 7:15pm.**