

GATCom regular meeting (Government Access Television Access Commission)

Minutes for 09/27/16

Present: Aldon Hynes, Allan DeYoung, Nancy Polk

Also: Pua Ford (coordinator & clerk)

Excused: Mary Hill, Theresa Bahner

This meeting was not video-recorded.

1. Call to Order: Hynes called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of Town Hall.

2. Approve Minutes: August 23, 2016

Minutes were tabled until the next meeting, because a majority of those present had not attended the August meeting.

3. Receive Coordinator Reports

a. *WGATV reports:* Ford received an estimate to repair the Canon camcorder but recommended waiting until we could buy a new one. She can lend her own in case we need another field camcorder.

In the next two months, the commission should consider whether to renew the contract with Discover Video for providing the streaming channel. The cost was close to \$1,600 last November for streaming, on-demand and technical support. Discover uses new software which delivers sound so loud that it is distorted; some complicated work-arounds can fix this. The next contract may be less if we can delete the on-demand service, since Woodbridge viewers have become accustomed to YouTube.

The commission looked at the landing page for WGATV on the new town website and discussed what information viewers look for and desirable features to add.

A PSA on tick removal and two episodes of a half-hour program on personal financial management were submitted for our channel. Both have interesting information but refer to commercial interests of the creators (a tick removal tool, a business with offices in several cities in CT).

b. *State, regional & federal updates:* Nothing new to report.

4. Business: Without motions or votes, the commission made the following recommendations:

- Re-connect the streaming computer to regular WGATV programming (what is sent to Cablevision and FrontierTV).
- Experiment with streaming to YouTube Live and Facebook Live.
- Post more alerts to the Woodbridge-Bethany residents forum on Facebook, e.g., when notable meetings have been posted to YouTube or are streaming.
- Submit an article to the *Creative Happenings* newsletter from the Senior Center.
- Continue posting the program schedule both to the town website and to the original Blogger site.
- Change “Government Access Television Blog” to “Government Access Television Updates” to help viewers find the schedule.
- Add a subpage of recent embedded YouTube videos to the town website.
- Email QVHD and DPH and ask if there is video material available on topics like tick removal.

5. Adjournment: Polk moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.; DeYoung seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pua Ford

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday October 25 at 7:15pm
Approval of FY18 budget submission due by early January 2017