

Minutes for October 23, 2007

GATComm: Government Access Television Commission

Present: Theresa Burr-Bahner, Sheila McCreven

Excused: Hank Kopel, Micki Kleeman

Also: Pua Ford (coordinator & clerk) No videotaping for this meeting.

1. Call to Order: Burr-Bahner called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of Town Hall. No quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes for 9/25/2007 were tabled.

3. Receive Coordinator Reports

a. Production

Those present discussed 10/25 arrangements for recording proposed simultaneous meetings. A presentation of SAHA data to the Amity Middle School PTO (also 10/25) should be recorded by Amity district. The 11/1 visit by a Chinese delegation to Beecher Road School is of civic interest but not a priority for WGATV. The Woodbridge School District could undertake production with an outside contractor; the program would be played on WGATV.

b. Invoices

The Leightronix Mini-T-NX arrived 10/11. Ford is making slow progress on learning its functions. The invoice is ready for approval, due on 11/4. Although she is reasonably sure this is a functioning unit, Ford will check it a few more days, and call a commissioner to co-sign the invoice for payment.

4. Old Business

a. Update Procedures: There are still no rewrites are to consider. The charges for DVD copies to the public (\$25) were approved at the August meeting.

5. State and Regional Issues

a. GATA 10/15: minutes were filed with town clerks in the five member towns.

b. Upcoming ACTAG meeting with AT&T 10/29

The Association of Cable Television Access Groups arranged a meetings with AT&T people at Science Park, New Haven, on Monday, 10/29 at 6:30 p.m. The topic of discussion will be mode and quality of community access programs on the Internet Protocol TV service, U-Verse. Since this was set up, AT&T was ordered by DPUC to go through cable franchising procedures, and AT&T has threatened to pull its U-Verse service out of the state. As far as Ford knows, the meeting is still on. She and several GATA members intend to go.

c. Possible Executive Session to discuss upcoming Alternative Dispute Resolution meeting on 10/30: No quorum was present.

7. Other Business: none proposed.

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Next regular meeting: Tuesday, November 27, 2007, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Please note conflict with FY09 Budget meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Preliminary WGATV operating budget due 1/5/08

Respectfully submitted,

Pua Ford, WGATV coordinator