

Minutes for September 25, 2007

GATComm

Government Access Television Commission

Present: Theresa Burr-Bahner, Jonathan Furst, Micki Kleeman

Excused: Kopel, McCreven

Also: Pua Ford (coordinator & clerk)

This meeting was videotaped. There are dating errors on the posted agenda.

- 1. Call to Order:** Burr-Bahner called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Central Meeting Room of Town Hall.

- 2. Approval of Minutes**

Kleeman moved to approve the minutes of 8/28/2007 as presented. Furst seconded.

Vote to approve minutes as amended: Burr-Bahner, Kleeman, Furst.

August minutes approved.

- 3. Discuss Leadership of the Commission**

Those present supported the following:

Burr-Bahner – chairman

Furst and Kopel – co-vice-chairmen

Furst had discussed this proposal with Kopel, who was agreeable.

- 4. Receive Coordinator Reports**

- Production

Ford reported inability to record Board of Education because of rescheduled Selectmen's meeting and lack of alternate camera personnel. Furst has names of students who want work and will send them to Ford.

Ford asked for approval of the Development and Industrial Commission recording on 9/18, since that was not on the regular schedule. Kleeman so moved; Furst seconded.

Vote to approve the 9/18 Development and Industrial Commission program unanimous.

Motion passed.

- Invoices & Purchase Order requisition: signed. The \$4,500 funding request for an event controller was approved by Selectmen and Finance boards; this requires the PO.

Ford had inquired about computer software for the controller, Macintosh vs. PC, but was not confident about the information. She can continue using her own laptop for upload to Google and for the controller software in the meantime. The Cable Advisory Council (CAC) membership in the Alliance for Community Media (ACM) should give her access to user groups, where she hopes to find someone with experience using Leightronix equipment with Macs. If another computer is needed, she will include it in the next budget request.

A capital budget package is due to the Finance department on 10/5. Our capital budgets may fall under the radar, but it laying it out will help us organize. Ford will e-mail drafts to the commission for comment.

- 5. Old Business**

- Library copies

Burr-Bahner reported that WGATV DVDs will be accepted by the town library. There is a two-month processing period before they are available to the public. They will be bar-coded, available for check-out, and kept behind the desk.

The only request is that WGATV provided reduced-size copies of the pertinent agendas to accompany the DVDs.

- b. Update Procedures: No further rewrites are ready to consider at this time.

6. State and Regional Issues

- a. CAC 9/20: There was no GATA meeting this month. Ford attended the Cable Advisory meeting in Milford as a guest; Laurence Grotheer and Elia Alexiades attended at Woodbridge's representatives. The news is that both Milford and Orange have been called for mediation with Sound View (SVCM). Milford's six-month trial agreement ended on 9/13. They received no funding from SVCM in that time.

- b. DPUC mediation; SVCM Board of Directors

Ford relayed Sheila McCreven's report. The mediator from the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) called her to schedule a meeting. She asked for Woodbridge to meet after Orange, but did not get any indication of when that might be. Orange will meet on 10/16, according to what Ron Davis told Ford.

McCreven attended the quarterly SVCM Board of Directors meeting, which was also attended by Jim Zeoli, Orange First Selectman, and a representative for Fairfield's First Selectman. She discussed possible meeting dates with the SVCM attorney: 10/22 – 10/24, probably early morning at Woodbridge Town Hall. Woodbridge town counsel is alerted to these developments; it is not known if our First Selectman will be present. Commission members and WGATV coordinator are welcome to sit in on mediation.

Kleeman asked if there would be strategizing by our group before mediation, but no one knew at this time. Commissioners present were agreed that control of the local programming was more important than the possibility of funding.

- c. HACTAC conference, originally scheduled for 9/15, was postponed to 3/8/2008.

7. Other Business: none proposed.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next regular meeting: Tuesday, October 23, 2007, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Pua Ford, WGATV coordinator