

MEETING MINUTES
DCAT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
March 1, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Brown, Paul Gasowski, Tom Merrick, Erika Mantz, George Kachadorian, Jerry Needell, Kathy Kentner

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Carol Camp (excused), David Langley

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Peter Brown called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA APPROVAL:** Agenda approved with the addition of "Policies and Procedures" under Old Business and "Candidate's Night" under New Business.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February minutes approved after changing "Chairperson Peter Brown" to "Vice-Chairperson Tom Merrick" after Call To Order.
- IV. **DCAT SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Craig Stevens reported positive feedback on the Candidate's Night debate. He said the control room was very busy during the show. Warren Daniels from the Bagelry called Craig to express his interest in sponsoring a show. Craig has a full crew now and will be looking into hiring part time staff. Future possible programs include a new Granite Planet, Poison Control video and possibly something from the Urban Forestry Center. The program schedule has been adjusted to accommodate Candidate's Night and the ORCSD Annual meeting.
- V. **REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF MEMBERS:** Erika continues to work with Video Services at UNH to get additional programming. Jerry spoke with Peter Smith about what he was looking for in a log. He just wants to know how many hours a month are going to different kinds of programming. Craig will look into what the system can provide. Jerry also let the committee know that people on Kelsey Drive were cut off from receiving Channel 22. Comcast agreed all Durham residents would receive the channel and Todd and the Town Council are looking into it. Tom offered congratulations to everyone who worked on candidate's night (see attached e-mail from Todd Selig). George reported that he has met with a woman interested in doing a young people's film festival. He will continue to stay in touch about any involvement Channel 22 could have. Paul reported on the status of the high school studio. He also said he was offended by some of the content in the Granite Planet program and did not want to be attached to it. Discussion ensued about who "takes responsibility" for a video if it comes from an outside group. The committee agreed to follow its policy of requiring the signature of 20 Durham residents in order to air a video from out of town.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- VII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. **Policy and procedures:** Craig advised that changes to the Web site need to go directly to Dawn Boyer. Minutes and agendas go to Jenny in the town office for posting.
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Candidates night:** Congratulations again given to Dave, Craig and George. Pete suggested considering questions from the audience next year.

- IX. NEXT MEETING: April 5, 2005, at 7 p.m. in Town Council chambers.**
- X. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 p.m.**