

MEETING MINUTES
DCAT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Nov. 1, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erika Mantz, Paul Gasowski, Julian Smith, David Langley, Peter Brown, Tom Merrick, Craig Stevens

NOT EXCUSED: Carol Camp

EXCUSED: George Kachadorian, Kathy Kentner

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Peter Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA APPROVAL:** Approved.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approved; Paul abstained.
- IV. **DCAT SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Craig is looking for one person to do meetings; one volunteer has returned to Florida. Budget discussions will begin this month; Craig will get members of DCAT a copy of the budget he submitted. Discussion ensued about a seminar Craig was asked to put on the bulletin board by a Durham resident about a non-profit prophesy (religious) seminar. Paul said the school district needs to be deliberate about introducing non-district programming into the high school studio. Dave asked what about residents who claim they have "paid for" the studio through their taxes. Committee agreed to leave interpretation of existing policy to Craig.
- V. **REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF MEMBERS:** Tom: Shot footage at Durham Day. Erika: Brought DVDs of UNH Authors Series, Changing Face of Seacoast video; asked to change meetings to fourth Tuesday; Pete will send an e-mail asking other committee members. Paul: Taping a Harlem Rockets fundraiser at ORHS for scholarship fund; rack is now all DVD. Working with Moharimet school on a program. Went to UNH last week to look at distance learning facility; looking at using to offer additional distance learning classes. Initially would be independent of DCAT. District is looking to buy more bandwidth to speed up. Needs to find a way to let people know about school programming that is on. The town and DCAT should do more things like the Durham Day volunteer video shoot. Concerned that Town Council is having more meetings; will interfere with community programming on Sunday and Thursday. Pete: Has UNH lecture series for Craig to air. Need to work on better publicity. Get Web site updated every week; include in e-mail newsletter. Does not have programming guidelines; thinks focus should be on getting people to watch, be aware of the channel and programming.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:** Pete moved the following: "That the DCAT governance committee has worked very hard in the last year to get additional programming for Channel 22 and is thereby strongly opposed to any preemption of the Thursday and Sunday night community programming lineup." Seconded by Julian Smith. In addition, Pete will talk with Town Manager Todd Selig about it. All in favor, Tom abstained.
- IX. **NEXT MEETING:** Tentatively, Dec. 6, 2005, 7 p.m.
- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** 8:25 p.m.