

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**DCAT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Jan. 24, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Erika Mantz, Paul Gasowski, Julian Smith, David Langley, Peter Brown, Tom Merrick, Craig Stevens, Carol Camp, George Kachadorian, Kathy Kentner

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Peter Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA APPROVAL:** Approved, 5-0.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approved as amended to say, Under Reports of Members, "School tries to air each varsity sport on DCAT one time per season." (See revised minutes from 12/27/05)
- IV. **DCAT SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Craig will be holding a meeting with all trained people to make clear his expectations; troubleshooting as well. Spoke with someone at Mary Hitchcock Hospital at Dartmouth. They have a lecture series on DVD (Ask the Doctor) that they will be sharing with him. Possibly it was done by NHPTV. He is continuing to look for other programming. Got in new bulletin board software; continued to have trouble with weather scroll. It was a glitch in the software. Tom asked Craig about the budget, equipment line. Why didn't we use all we requested last year and what did we request this year? Craig will review his notes and report back.
- V. **REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF MEMBERS:** George:  
www.dcat22.com is available and he reserved it. Julian: Hopes DCAT will do a candidate's forum. Dave said he has been thinking about it, talking with Pete and George. Tom: Reviewed the town's Comcast cable contract; if we want to request a hearing need to give 90 days notice. Not sure what our authority is. Pete said he contacted the town for clarification and asked what kind of technology is available. George wondered if it was possible to learn how many people are watching DCAT. Pete said he is waiting to hear from the town manager. Quick review of contract raised many questions as to authority and reports. Paul: Feb. 7 is first deliberative session, and Feb. 28 is School Board candidate forum. Feb. 7 is conflict with ZBA. Thursday night, a short history of middle school cross country program will air, and he is recording a concert, a boy's basketball game and a girl's basketball game. His research and recommendations on media relations will go to the district's technology committee. Right now, principals will decide on a case-by-case basis. Pete: wants to discuss candidate's debate and brainstorm on what the committee should focus on for the next year.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** Candidate's debate: Dave said he thought it went well last year and wants to do it again. Drawback of having questions from the audience is you can't do with regular format because it would make it too long. He personally is OK with questions from the audience. Tom suggested having audience submit written questions and moderator choose. Julian (participated in the debate last year) said he was comfortable with the format.

Last year each candidate submitted five questions and Dave chose three. Julian suggested waiting to decide on format until the number of candidates is known. Pete wants to see audience be able to ask questions; suggested using town listserv, Citizens Exchange and DCAT bulletin board. Election is March 6. Plays the week before the election. Carol is willing to make phone calls and go to businesses to get sponsors if she has a list of things needed. Questions about sponsorship again debated. Last year, Dave personally did two sponsor spots because he wanted to test the idea of sponsorship. Tom suggested asking DBA to sponsor and run this year's forum. Paul suggested keeping production values to those similar to Town Council meetings. Pete suggested a happy medium with hard-hitting questions but no sponsors, etc. George suggested just having the moderator recognize the sponsors. School Board forum: PTOs do it, no sponsorship. Pete moved that whereas the DCAT governance committee is not a production group, it cannot produce the town council candidate debate. Tom seconded. Vote: seven in favor, Paul abstained, Julian against. Pete will convey decision to Town Manager Todd Selig. Paul stated that his opinion is that sponsorship should not be part of the candidate forum. Pete said he wants to continue to explore sponsorship for other productions. Dave stressed that last year was his attempt to experiment with the sponsorship rules.

- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
- IX. **NEXT MEETING:** Feb. 28, 2006, 7 p.m.
- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** 8:54 p.m.