

MEETING MINUTES
DCAT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Feb. 28, 2006

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

EXCUSED: George Kachadorian, Carol Camp, Paul Gasowski, Kathy Kentner

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Peter Brown called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. **AGENDA APPROVAL:** Approved.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approved as amended. Under Old Business, replace “Dave said he thought it went well last year and wants to do it again with “Dave said he thought it went well last year and and it’s important to do it again” and “Last year each candidate submitted five questions and Dave chose three” with “Last year each candidate submitted five questions and a DCAT subcommittee chose three from each candidate.” Also, replace “listserv” with “the town weekly electronic update” under Old Business.

- IV. DCAT SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Candidate's forum: Pete, Dave and Craig's daughter helped at the production Feb. 27. Floor camera (new equipment used by Craig) made a more natural shot than the ceiling cameras. Todd Selig has asked him about that camera being available at Town Council meetings. Second piece of new equipment allows him to go from PowerPoint presentation directly to a new monitor. There will be a good PowerPoint at Wednesday's Planning Board meeting that will test the system. A new person will be starting soon. Craig depleted his budget purchasing the new equipment. He is also talking with the town's IT person about how the DCAT schedule is displayed on the Web site; wants to do a table that shows a whole month at a time. Craig wants to talk with Paul about changing the schedule so certain days are devoted to town programming, selected by Craig, and others to school programming. Dave raised the idea of developing graphics to preview different programs, especially during the council breaks. Craig is looking to buy another hard drive recorder next year to have enough space to run continuously.
- V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF MEMBERS:** Erika: Will get next two UNH Author's Series programs to Craig as well as UNH event info for the bulletin board. Dave: Worked at the candidate's forum. Tom: Thanked Craig for info about the budget info he shared. Reported that he and Paul e-mailed and both recorded things to review video quality from the school meetings. Asked about having a bulletin board slide that directs people to the Web site. He is disappointed to see that Pete will not be continuing on the DCAT Governance Committee. Glad to see Paul will be reappointed. Pete: Spoke with Bryan Christiansen at Comcast; said Pete was the first person to ever call about a technology review. Said Durham has the best technology that is available from Comcast; updated cable boxes are available to residents if they request them. Tom wanted to know if there was a way to find out if town residents had any input on their Comcast service. Other members were not interested in having a public forum. He also asked about reaching out to residents to have them send DCAT e-mail. Craig's e-mail is already there. Joan Ashwell ran the candidate's forum and was very professional. She e-mailed Pete about possibly filming on Election Day. Pete also made contact with a woman from North Conway area, Erica Hunter, who offered to do a session on interviewing; suggested people also are shown basic camera skills. The Web site reserved by George... Pete suggested offering advertising on it. Pete said he has enjoyed his time on DCAT Governance Committee, but feels it's time for some new energy and direction. He plans to continue as a private citizen, working as a producer and volunteering, and wants to avoid conflict.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS:** None.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. Board vacancies: Pete said he doesn't know if Kathy Kentner plans to continue on the committee. He will ask her. Julian Smith's term as town council representative to the committee is ending as well. Tom wondered about Katie Paine returning to the

committee.

- B. Tom wants to have a conversation with someone from Comcast.
Pete said he didn't think the representative had much to offer.
Tom will contact him about setting up a meeting.

IX. **NEXT MEETING:** March 28, 2006, 7 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** 8:37 p.m.