

MEETING MINUTES
DCAT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Jan. 23, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erika Mantz, Tom Merrick, Henry Smith, Craig Stevens, Paul Gasowski, David Langley, Todd Ziemek

EXCUSED: Carol Camp, George Kachadorian

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Tom Merrick called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and welcomed new member Todd Ziemek.
- II. AGENDA APPROVAL:** Approved with addition of "Political Rules" under Old Business and "Policy Amendments" under New Business
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A.** Oct. 24, 2006: Approved
 - B.** Nov. 28, 2006: Approved as amended: In Paul's report: Paul mentioned having been asked to do interviews with Carol Shea-Porter and Jeb Bradley but did not do either because Jeb Bradley declined to attend. In New Business: "He emphasized the work was part of the educational program with video students doing the bulk of the work."
- IV. DCAT SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Craig has purchased three new DVD players to replace ones that have died. He is down one employee, but it has not been a problem. One new series added from USDA called Partners -- national research initiatives, land grant, etc. Budget approved of \$20,691, down from request of \$26,000 plus; will purchase DVD copier and a few other things. Will be taking new photos for background.
- V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF MEMBERS:** Henry: After Town Council someone asked him about replays of meetings; asked for one later in the evening not just during the day. Craig replied that because Town Council is back to meeting every two weeks a replay will air at 7 p.m. on the in between weeks. Henry received an e-mail from Art Grant about the speaker phone used in the 1-22-07 Town Council meeting saying that it compromised the quality of the meeting. Craig said he was contacted by Todd Selig about the same issue and will be reviewing the tape. Paul: Holiday concerts were successful as was a short piece by a student on Christmas tree traditions. New half hour program being done each week, based on old programs from 1980s as he transfers to DVD. Has footage of interview with Phil Wilcox (long-time resident, since passed away); would be of interest to historical society. Also has interviews with Evelyn Brown, the Milnes, Richard Schanda. He wants to turn over copies to appropriate organizations but wants to get permissions. Paul has worked to buy equipment for other schools to help them do own video. Tuesday, Feb. 6 is the school district deliberative session; Paul asked Craig to see about "pre-empting" ZBA to go live. He also recommended watching video airing about global warming. Todd: Glad to be a new member. He said he videotaped Sam Southworth recently playing at the Stone Church; he may be interested in having his 25-minute concert aired on DCAT. Tom:

Carbon Challenge initiative; resident got training with Al Gore/An Inconvenient Truth and has access to slides. Interested in programming for DCAT.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. DCAT-GC Membership Opportunities: (1 now, three terms expiring)
- B. Budget cut: covered in Craig's report
- C. Annual report submitted
- D. ORCSD Video Quality Improvement: Piece of equipment that was conflicting; either disconnected/bypassed it, according to Paul
- E. New DCAT equipment for 2007: covered in Craig's report
- F. Political Rules: Dave does not think it is a problem to air as long as disclaimers (audio and visual) are added and the opportunity is open to all. Need to determine difference between political ads and policy statements. Paul: we shouldn't air videos not approved by politician, and they should not be able to solicit funding. Erika: is DCAT governed at all by FCC? Group agreed it's going to be difficult to differentiate between paid ads, etc. Todd suggested creating a set time/show where all of these things can be aired. Tom suggested contacting other community TV (Manchester, Concord) for guidance. Tom asked people to review policies elsewhere: Todd=Bedford, Henry=Concord, Erika=Manchester.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. FCC ruling on Digital Broadcast effects
- B. Carbon Challenge Committee: covered in Tom's report
- C. Policy amendment: Committee voted to continue discussion on the topic until the February meeting.

IX. NEXT MEETINGS: Feb. 27, March 27, April 24

X. ADJOURNMENT: 8:38 p.m.

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