

DCAT Governance Committee Minutes
Thursday, June 11, 2009, 7:00 PM
Durham Town Hall – Town Administrator’s Office

Members Present: Dave Langley, Chip Neal, Dianne Thompson (chair), Ed Valena, Todd Ziemek

Members Absent: Dianna Carroll, Erika Mantz, Craig Stevens, Kathaleen Young

I. Call to order at 7:00; agenda approved

II. Approval of Minutes from meeting of May 14, 2009 – Minutes approved

III. Public Concerns - None

IV. DCAT Supervisor’s Report – Craig was not able to attend due to a schedule conflict. It was suggested that in the future, a short written report outlining any issues could be forwarded to the chair prior to the meeting.

V. ORCSD Report – Kathleen was not able to attend due to graduation preparations. Her written report noted 1) concerns about rebroadcasting school plays, and 2) the success of the “Oyster River Is ...” contest. It was suggested that some of the short subjects created for this contest might be able to be played as filler during Council, Planning Board, or School Board break periods.

VI. Old Business

- A. Policies and Charge from Town Council Review – There was a general discussion on the bylaws. It was acknowledged that the number of voting members of the committee has been reduced from nine to eight and that terms would be for two or three years. Todd was elected vice-chairperson. Under *Attendance*, the word “shall” was changed to “may” within the paragraph concerning unexcused absences. Dianne offered to speak to Jennie about adding an alternate position to the committee.
- B. Working with local business – Ed reported that Chuck Cressey would be preparing a short piece on the Durham Marketplace for possible use on DCAT. Chip wondered if this practice would be in conflict with existing policy regarding commercial limitations. Conflicts with the Comcast contract were also mentioned. Dave thinks there might be newer versions of the Mission Statement and DCAT policies that address these issues. The committee agreed to review these for the next meeting. Dianne will see if she can find out if anyone has an updated version of these and get them to DCAT members if they can be found.

VII. New Business

- A. Meeting times were discussed. Dianne offered to conduct an email poll for the following possibilities: Wednesday @ 7PM, Thursday @ 5PM, or Thursday @ 7PM.
- B. Chip raised the question of the necessity of the governance committee. There was general discussion about the role of the committee. It was decided that the committee will think creatively as a group to create excitement about Durham.