

DCAT Governance Committee Minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 2009, 7:00 PM
Durham Police Department Meeting Room

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

Members Absent: Diana Carroll, Erika Mantz, Kathleen Young

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

II. Approval of Minutes from meeting of August 12, 2009 – Minutes approved

III. Public Concerns - None

IV. DCAT Supervisor's Report – Craig reported that three new robotic cameras have been mounted in the Council Chambers and that the replaced cameras will be retained for possible reuse in the future (e.g. fourth camera in the Chambers, public library).

Craig initiated a discussion concerning video on demand for the town's public meetings. He has met with a company's representative that could provide such a service, but believed the cost was excessive. He mentioned he would continue to investigate other opportunities for providing this service. There was general talk about the possibility of bringing different towns together in order to form a more efficient bargaining unit for negotiating with Comcast.

Craig offered to talk with Tom Madden and/or Nancy Miner at the public library concerning possible programming opportunities.

V. ORCSD Report - Kathleen was not able to attend the meeting.

VI. Old Business – Ed reported on the progress of the policy review subcommittee. About a quarter to a third of the mission statement has been reviewed; the group will continue to work through the language and will report back to the entire committee with recommendations. There was general discussion about the role of public access broadcasting in local commerce. Craig offered to make copies of the Comcast contract for the subcommittee's review. The committee will also review federal and state regulations.

VII. New Business – Ed had not contacted students at UNH to see if there would be interested in creating local programming for the station; he promised to effort this in the upcoming month. There was general discussion about opportunities for future programming, including broadcasting local sporting events (e.g. ORSD, ORYA). Dianne offered to talk to Kathleen concerning school athletic activities. Todd mentioned that he is shooting some ORYA soccer games and that this footage might be able to be available.

VIII. Next meeting date: October 21, 2009