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UNAPPROVED VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES May 6, 2021

Present: Chairman Sol Silverstein, Gary DelPiano, Bob Kelly, Mike Muttitt, Coordinator Ron Davis, Assistant Coordinator Chris Kelly, Recording Secretary Marlene Silverstein

Chairman Silverstein convened the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Questions & Comments: Chairman Silverstein had two comments. He asked why Channel 79 showed only the bulletin board and weather report on April 25. Assistant Kelly explained that he took the programming off, while he worked most of the day to correct an audio hum. Chairman Silverstein recommended that in such situations we broadcast a slide stating that programming was off due to maintenance. The second comment was that there are 10 minutes of dropouts on the Video on Demand (VOD) program of the March 16 Town Plan and Zoning meeting on CloudCast. On the YouTube VOD version of that meeting, 10 minutes of the program are missing at same point in the meeting. Mr. Kelly said that the issue was probably related to network glitches with the Zoom platform, and he is looking into it. Chairman Silverstein recommended that if these VOD programs cannot be repaired, a notice should be added after the opening credits informing the viewer that there were technical difficulties in the recording of the program.

Approve Minutes: Mike Muttitt, seconded by Gary DelPiano, made the ***motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 meeting.*** The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Muttitt, seconded by Bob Kelly, made the ***motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting.*** The motion carried with the following vote: AYE – Chairman Silverstein, Bob Kelly, Mike Muttitt; ABSTAIN – Gary DelPiano.

Budget Review. The current budget and Board of Finance approved FY 2021-2022 budget were reviewed.

Coordinator's Report - March 2021: The March report had been discussed at the April 8 OGAT meeting but not approved due to lack of a quorum. The committee did not want to discuss it again.

Coordinator's Report - April 2021: Coordinator Davis reported that the town continues to hold many board and other meetings virtually with OGAT assisting by cablecasting them live. In addition, OGAT streams meetings on YouTube and TelVue CloudCast. He also reported that the Frontier and Optimum equipment has been functioning without issues. Assistant Coordinator Kelly reported 135 Live Hits on TelVue CloudCast and 452 VOD and Live Hits on YouTube Live. There was no data available on the TelVue CloudCast VOD programs due to an issue Assistant Coordinator Kelly encountered with the file size of long programs. Assistant Coordinator Kelly has now updated his workflow to produce smaller file sizes going forward to resolve the issue.

Gary DelPiano, seconded by Bob Kelly, made the ***motion to approve the March and April Coordinator's Reports.*** The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item List: The list was not discussed as Mr. Kelly had to deal with a lot of programs in March and April which delayed progress on the action items.

Cable Advisory Council (CAC) Grant: Assistant Coordinator Kelly issued a list and schematic of equipment he feels is needed to upgrade the Board of Education meeting room for the next grant application. The items were discussed and an updated list will be sent out to the committee.

Equipment Inventory: Assistant Coordinator Kelly reported that NewTek's replacement video converter was received and it is working fine. We need to change the serial number on the inventory to reflect the replacement.

Town Talk: Assistant Coordinator Kelly is assisting Coordinator Davis in converting the Police Academy tapes to a compatible editable format.

Mike Muttitt, seconded by Bob Kelly, made the ***motion to adjourn at 8:15pm.***

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Silverstein,
Recording Secretary