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UNAPPROVED VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES July 13, 2023

Please note: Since no quorum was present, no votes were taken at this meeting.

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

Chairman Silverstein convened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Questions & Comments: Mike Muttitt reported that he had been speaking with an Altice customer who switched to Altice's Optimum Fiber platform, and since then he has been unable to watch OGAT. He contacted Altice, and no one at Altice has been able to help him rectify this. Mr. Muttitt showed the customer how to watch OGAT using YouTube but is concerned that as more people switch to Optimum Fiber, we will lose our audience. Coordinator Davis will call Altice's government liaison, Esme Lombard, to see if she can find out what can be done to resolve the situation.

Approve Minutes: Deferred until a quorum is in session.

Budget Review. The final budget report for the last fiscal year (7/1/2023-6/30/2023) was reviewed. We had an overrun due to the larger than expected effort recording bicentennial interviews.

Coordinator's Reports: Voting on the reports for February through June were deferred until a quorum is present.

Chairman Silverstein reported that in June one of the TriCasters failed. Assistant Coordinator Kelly contacted the vendor, NewTek, for a replacement. Replacements are

supposed to be a new or refurbished unit of the make and model that failed. However, in the time since we purchased the unit, Newtek has replaced the hard drive in the product with a solid-state drive (SSD). Assistant Coordinator Kelly negotiated an upgrade on the TriCaster replacement to the model with the SSD and NewTek agreed. Unfortunately, that TriCaster also failed, and a second replacement was sent out. This one is working properly, and Assistant Coordinator Kelly has returned the 2 failed units.

Bicentennial Activities: Regarding the Bicentennial interview programs, Gary DelPiano requested that the names of the interviewees be listed at the end of each program as well as at the beginning for the benefit of viewers who begin watching the interview program after it has begun.

Action Item List: The Action Item List was tabled.

Cable Advisory Council (CAC) Grant: Chairman Silverstein forwarded a copy of the draft application, which is due July 15th, to each OGAT member and the OGAT coordinators. OGAT will be requesting \$38,551.24 for equipment. The application was reviewed and Chairman Silverstein will forward a copy of the application to the First Selectman for his signature.

Equipment Inventory: Assistant Coordinator Kelly will update the equipment inventory since he has removed some items no longer in use from the Town Hall.

Vacancies: Chairman Silverstein reported that there are still 4 vacancies on the OGAT committee. To date, he has not heard about any potential new members.

At 8:00pm, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Silverstein,
Recording Secretary