

# OGAT



Orange Government Access Television Committee  
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## UNAPPROVED VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES September 7, 2023

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

**Note:** No votes were taken at this meeting because a quorum was not present.

Chairman Silverstein convened the meeting at 7:40 pm.

**Questions & Comments:** None

**Approve Minutes:** Tabled

**Budget Review.** The budget was reviewed.

**Coordinator's Reports: July Coordinator's Report:** As reported in June the Tricaster Mini Advanced HD-4 SDI had failed and was replaced under our service contract. The replacement also failed and was replaced again. This 2<sup>nd</sup> replacement failed during July and was replaced with a third unit.

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Coordinator Davis also reported that Comcast reached out to OGAT regarding adding OGAT programming to their offerings when they install fiberoptic internet and TV service in Orange.

Assistant Coordinator Kelly reported 149 Live hits and 18 VOD hits on TelVue and 561 VOD/Live hits on YouTube for the month of July.

**August Coordinator's Report:** Coordinator Davis reported that both he and Assistant Coordinator Kelly contacted Esme Lombard, Senior Director of Government Affairs, at Altice regarding this issue of access to OGAT with the Optimum fiber service. Although Ms.

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Lombard did call Mr. Davis, she did not offer any clarity on the issue. She said customers with the fiber service should be able to receive OGAT, but did not say how.

Chairman Silverstein said that he tried an experiment on his Android tablet to see if he could view OGAT using the Optimum TV app. He was unsuccessful in being able to view OGAT through the Optimum app but could view other channels. He also stated he was unsure if this is the same situation with the Optimum streaming service on Optimum's fiberoptic service. Since none of the committee members have the Optimum fiber service, Mr. Muttitt was asked to contact the viewer who contacted him about the fiber service issue and ask him to report it to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA).

Comcast again reached out to set up a time to discuss details about bringing their service into the OGAT studio.

Assistant Coordinator Kelly reported that there were 180 Live and 20 VOD hits on TelVue and 694 VOD/Live hits on YouTube in August.

***Bicentennial Activities:*** Assistant Coordinator Kelly reported that there is 1 more interview to be finished which is being worked on and he should be finished with the Bicentennial activities by the end of September.

***Action Item List:*** The Action Item List was reviewed and several items were closed.

***Cable Advisory Council (CAC) Grant:*** Chairman Silverstein reported that the application was submitted in July and has not heard anything about an award as of this date.

***Inventory:*** The inventory is up to date.

***Vacancies:*** Chairman Silverstein reported that there are still 3 vacancies on the OGAT committee.

***Input to Annual Report:*** Chairman Silverstein submitted a draft of the report he would like to submit to the town for the Annual Town Report. The draft was reviewed and no one had any suggestions for revision so it will be submitted to the town as is.

***Program Request Form Update:*** Chairman Silverstein revised this form and was reviewed by the Committee. Those present agreed with his revisions.

***Policies and Procedures Update:*** Chairman Silverstein submitted proposed revisions to the Policies and Procedures to the Committee. Committee members will review the revisions and be ready to comment on them by the October meeting. Chairman Silverstein will contact the First Selectman to see if the changes to these documents need to be reviewed with town counsel and/or the Board of Selectmen before they can be updated.

At 8:10pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlene Silverstein,  
Recording Secretary

***Note:*** Next meeting October 12, 2023

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## Coordinator Report

To: Orange Government Access Television  
 For: July, 2023  
 From: Ron Davis & Chris Kelly

*Events Recorded / Web streamed, VOD, & Cablecast via Optimum & Frontier, July, 2023*

**Applicable event descriptions:** (Items in *Red Italics* are from previous months)

<u>ID#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Item Description</u>
1	7-3	Zoning Board of Appeals - LIVE
2	7-3	Zoning Board of Appeals - DISC
3	7-5	Town Plan & Zoning Commission - LIVE
4	7-5	Town Plan & Zoning Commission - DISC
5	7-12	Board of Selectmen - LIVE
6	7-12	Board of Selectmen - DISC
7	7-13	OGAT Committee - LIVE
8	7-13	OGAT Committee - DISC
9	7-17	Special Zoning Board of Appeals - LIVE
10	7-17	Special Zoning Board of Appeals - DISC
11	7-26	Park and Recreation Commission - LIVE
12	7-26	Park and Recreation Commission - DISC
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13	6-28	<i>Park and Recreation Commission</i>
14	6-20	<i>Town Plan &amp; Zoning Commission</i>
15	3-24 2022	<i>Bicentennial Interview 28: Carmen Ana Rodriguez</i>
16	3-25-2022	<i>Bicentennial Interview 29: Frank C Rogers</i>
17	3-28-2022	<i>Bicentennial Interview 30 John O'Sullivan</i>
18	6-15	<i>Living Treasure Awards</i>
19	6-19	<i>Orange Board of Education</i>
20	4-23 2020	<i>Chair Exercise</i>
21	5-15-2020	<i>Arts &amp; Crafts</i>
22	3-29-2022	<i>Bicentennial Interview 31 Beverly McClure</i>
23	3-31-2022	<i>Bicentennial Interview 32 Charlotte Clark Turner</i>
24	4-1-2022	<i>Bicentennial Interview 33 Priscilla B Searles</i>
25	7-9-2022	<i>Independence Day Concert &amp; Fireworks</i>

**Disc Sets Played this month and other OGAT - related calendar activities:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Set Number</u>	<u>Item Numbers</u>
7-7	1554	4,2,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21
7-18	1555	8,6,4,2,13,22,23,24,14,19,20
6-23	1556	12,10,8,6,22,23,24,4,2,25,21

**Running Tally:** Miscellaneous productions & meeting shoots, with scrolling text changes

	MEETINGS	OTHER EVENTS	TOTAL
<u>JULY, 2023</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>
Totals:	12	0	12

Est. Annual total: 144

**Assistant Coordinator Chris Kelly reports the following live stream & Video on Demand (VOD) statistics as of: 7-31-2023:**

TelVue

- Live: 149
- VOD: 18

YouTube

- VOD/Live: 561

July 2023 Program Changes: 7-7, 7-18, 7-29

<b>July Programs</b>		<b>YouTube</b>		<b>CloudCast</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>July</b>		<b>July</b>	
7/26/2023	Park & Recreation	<b>29</b>		<b>0</b>	
7/17/2023	Special Zoning Board of Appeals	<b>50</b>		<b>0</b>	
7/13/2023	OGAT Committee	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	
7/12/2023	Board of Selectmen	<b>76</b>		<b>1</b>	
7/5/2023	Town Plan & Zoning	<b>55</b>		<b>1</b>	
7/3/2023	Zoning Board of Appeals	<b>24</b>		<b>0</b>	

  

<b>June Programs</b>		<b>YouTube</b>		<b>CloudCast</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>June</b>
6/28/2023	Park & Recreation	<b>41</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
6/20/2023	Town Plan & Zoning	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
6/19/2023	Orange Board of Education	<b>85</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
6/19/2023	Board of Finance	<b>173</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
6/15/2023	2023 Living Treasure Awards	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
6/14/2023	Board of Selectmen	<b>100</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
6/13/2023	Inland Wetlands	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
6/6/2023	Town Plan & Zoning	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

Note: The 7/13/2023 OGAT Committee meeting was not uploaded onto YouTube as of 7/31/2023.

**Comments**

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Assistant Coordinator Kelly updated the firmware on our Hypercaster to allow automated program scheduling. This enables the program schedule to shown automatically between programs.

Comcast reached out to OGAT during the month regarding adding OGAT programming to their offerings when they install fiberoptic internet and TV service in Orange.

Chairman Silverstein submitted the Cable Advisory Council (CAC) grant application to CAC prior to the July 15 deadline.

Respectfully,  
 Ron Davis, OGAT Coordinator,  
 Chris Kelly, Assistant Coordinator

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2	8-9	Board of Selectmen - LIVE
3	8-9	Board of Selectmen - DISC
4	8-15	Town Plan & Zoning Commission - LIVE
5	8-15	Town Plan & Zoning Commission - DISC
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20	5-29	<i>2023 Memorial Day Ceremonies &amp; Parade</i>
21	4-23 2020	<i>Chair Exercise</i>
22	9-18-2022	<i>2022 Orange Country Fair</i>
23	-----	<i>Senior Center Promo</i>

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8-27	1560	9,1,7,5,3,13,14,15,19,22,23

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<b>August Programs</b>		<b>YouTube</b>		<b>CloudCast</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>August</b>		<b>August</b>	
8/23/2023	Park & Recreation	<b>29</b>		<b>0</b>	
8/21/2023	Orange Board of Education	<b>21</b>		<b>0</b>	
8/15/2023	Town Plan & Zoning	<b>15</b>		<b>0</b>	
8/9/2023	Board of Selectmen	<b>108</b>		<b>3</b>	
8/5/2023	OVFD Carnival & Fireworks	<b>62</b>		<b>1</b>	

  

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>July</b>
7/28/2023	Park & Recreation	<b>47</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
7/17/2023	Special Zoning Board of Appeals	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
7/13/2023	OGAT Committee	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
7/12/2023	Board of Selectmen	<b>89</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
7/5/2023	Town Plan & Zoning	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
7/3/2023	Zoning Board of Appeals	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

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