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UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES November 9, 2023

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

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

Chairman Silverstein convened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Questions & Comments: There was a discussion of OGAT not being available on Optimum's fiber service, Optimum Stream. Mr. Muttitt will resend his emails on the subject to Coordinator Davis for additional follow up with Esme Lombard, Senior Director of Government Affairs, at Altice. Prior discussions with her did not clarify this situation.

Approve Minutes: Tabled

Budget Review. The budget was reviewed. Regarding low expenditure of the camera operator line item, Assistant Coordinator Kelly will reach out to Amity Regional High School to see if any students would like to become camera operators.

Coordinator's Report: The OGAT studio continued functioning smoothly through October with no notable problems.

Comcast contacted Assistant Coordinator Kelly to request his availability for installation of their service and related equipment. He told them he would be available the week after election day. Coordinator Davis also spoke with Comcast. They told him that they will install their equipment at the end of December.

Chairman Silverstein met with Town Attorney Vincent Marino in the OGAT Studio to discuss the lack of quorum on the OGAT committee. Attorney Marino recommended that

the committee ask the Board of Selectmen to decrease the size of the committee to reduce the required quorum size.

Assistant Coordinator Kelly reported that there were 263 Live and 32 VOD hits on TelVue and 1363 VOD/Live hits on YouTube in September.

Bicentennial Activities: Assistant Coordinator Kelly said he is working on one additional interview program, which is an additional recollection from the 38th interviewee, Eloise Clark.

Action Item List: The Action Item List was reviewed.

Cable Advisory Council (CAC) Grant: Assistant Coordinator Kelly is working on a list of equipment to purchase using the remaining CAC grant funds. He would like to purchase additional equipment for the Board of Education meeting room at Mary L. Tracy School.

Inventory: The inventory is up to date.

Vacancies: Chairman Silverstein provided First Selectman Jim Zeoli with a draft change to Chapter 68 of the town code (authored by town attorney Vincent Marino) to reduce the size of the OGAT committee to make it easier to have a quorum and requested it be added to the November 8 Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting. The item was discussed at that BOS meeting as a proposal to hold a public hearing on the change at the December 13 BOS meeting. Chairman Silverstein was in attendance. Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt wanted to have attorney Marino investigate making this change applicable to all town boards and commissions and wanted to delay voting on this item until next month. Selectman John Carangelo said they should approve the public hearing now so as not to delay OGATs ability to conduct business. After discussion the BOS voted to approve the petition as presented contingent upon attorney Marino's review to see if it can include language that would include all boards and commissions in the town.

Program Request Form Update: Chairman Silverstein presented a draft updated form based on discussion at the September meeting. The committee will vote on it once there is a quorum pending review by the town attorney.

Policies and Procedures Update: Chairman Silverstein presented a draft of the revised Policies and Procedures documents based on the recommendations discussed at the September meeting. The committee will vote on it once there is a quorum pending review by the town attorney.

At 8:20pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sol Silverstein
Chairman

Note: Next meeting December 14, 2023