

Lake Champlain Access Television

Meeting of the Board of Directors / Holiday Dinner

December 15, 2008 (Dragonfly Café, Colchester)

Board Present: Richard Pecor (RP), Sam Conant (SC), Peter Russom (PR), Ron Stotyn (RS)

Staff Present: Executive Director Kevin Christopher (KC), Production Manager Buddy Meilleur, Channel Coordinator Rebecca Padula, Field Producers Ben McCarty, Robert Ready, Jessica Bernard

Guests Present: Maureen Garofano (MG), George Slusser, Doreen Slusser, Chloe Kogan, Marj Stotyn, Nancy Pecor, Erica Russom, Matthew Russom, Lydia Russom, Laura Young, Sam Conant, David Eaton

Call to Order:

RP called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

Public/Board Member/Staff Comment

There was no comment.

Approve Minutes of 10/20/08

SC made the motion, RS second, to approve the minutes of 11/17/08. Motion passed.

Executive Director's Report

Fairfax/Westford Update: Comcast is planning cable line extensions in Westford sometime in 2009. Half of the town will be served by Mt. Mansfield Community TV in Richmond and half by LCATV. Due to MMCTV's size, it is likely that we will be producing most of the Westford coverage and sharing with them. KC and Comcast are planning to meet with Westford and Fairfax Select Boards in January. Cable extensions will also occur in Grand Isle, but it is unknown how they will be served.

Web Platform: Meetings and planning are ongoing. Work is currently being done of the navigation and appearance of the site.

Space: MG presented the work she had done at our request that detailed loan, mortgage and financial needs information were LCATV to purchase a new facility. Two loan options were presented based upon a conversation MG had with a Chittenden Bank representative and some educated estimates of MG's part. She also indicated that she had spoken with Steve Morton of DEW Construction- a Colchester resident- and that he would be willing to come into a future board meeting pro bono and discuss LCATV's options and possible next steps. It was suggested that RS and KC meet with Steve prior to a board meeting and present the work that

RS had done on the ideal space. KC will arrange for that meeting. The board thanked MG for her thorough work.

MediaVox Contract: The board discussed the revised proposal of work from Greg Epler Wood (GEW) and possibility of signing a contract prior to December 19. RS voiced continuing concerns about some of the possible duplication of work in terms of survey questioning. The allowance for modification of the contract was also questioned. DP and SC both expressed faith in GEW's work and level of experience. KC mentioned that GEW had already gone through this process with Brattleboro which would benefit us. DP asked if RS would be comfortable approving a motion giving his reservation and RS responded that he would. SC made the motion, PR second, to approve the revised proposal from Mediavox and sign the contract. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

KC also spoke briefly about the recent Vermont Access Network meeting in Hardwick. He mentioned that representative from the VT Dept. of Public Service were in attendance and seemed to be hearing VAN's issues and recognizing the problems of the AMOs with Comcast.

Treasurer's Report

KC handed out the most recent balance sheet which showed current assets \$540, 908.83.

Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

Adjournment

At 6:05 pm, SC made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Christopher

Next meeting and location to be determined.