

**Lake Champlain Access Television  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
August 20, 2008**

**Present:** Dick Pecor (DP), Ralph Perkins (RP) Pete Russom (PS), Ron Stoyton (RS)  
Sam Conant (SC), Kary Towne, (KT) and Channel Director Kevin  
Christopher (KC)

**Call to Order:**

Dick Pecor called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

**Public / Board Member / Staff Comments**

There were no comments at this time.

**Approval of the minutes of 6/4/08**

RS made the motion, PS second, to approve the minutes of 6/4/08. Motion passed.

**Executive Director's Report**

KC gave us an update on the library media grant. Milton has hired George Slusser for this and Colchester has scheduled more training. Colchester is working on a teen book report project.

The summer internship went very well and the staff would like to continue it next summer.

KC reported no news on the Georgia/Fairfax territory. He does have a video to present to Fairfax at some time in the future.

Negotiations: The contract is up 2011 and KC would like to begin to prepare for these negotiations. He would like some community members on board. KT will ask Kevin Endres of Milton if he would be willing to be part of this. KC will be consulting with Greg Eppler Wood for his expertise in this area as well.

**Discussion of CCTV Web Platform Proposal**

The Board discussed this content management proposal at length. This system would centralize all the station information through some sort of index system and could automatically do such things as generate web playback, online schedules and such. The change in workload was discussed. This would make record keeping and generating reports easier. It could be used as an outreach tool. Ultimately an archiving component is another possibility. There was discussion around server options / backups and such. The work component for this proposal would, for the most part, fall on Rebecca's shoulders. KC felt that it was probably doable at this time, but if Fairfax was added, this would change. At that point he would like to keep options open and would put this into a budget proposal—1/2 FTE. The web platform proposal was estimated to cost ~\$31580 + 20% with 30% deposit. KC projected a cost of ~\$36,000 for 7/07-6/30/09. The maintenance mode annual costs would include at minimum the server costs and license fee.

RP wondered if that was the best use of \$70000. We should consider what our objectives and expectations are for the next 6-12 months and see where or how this fits. Discussion continued around other questions. What are our goals? Is our goal to give citizens access to data on line? How can this relationship with Burlington better meet the

needs of our customers? Can we project what we need to do now to be prepared for the future of communications? Should we be looking for all avenues to allow customers to access our services? DP felt that creating this association with Burlington strengthens our position to better meet the needs of our customers. There was discussion around how Comcast would consider this proposal. One option might be to enter into discussion with Burlington but write out our own needs, expectations and anticipated accomplishments with the web platform and review the plusses and minuses after 12 months.

RS made the motion, DP second, to have Kevin Christopher enter into talks with the Center for Media and Democracy to come up with an agreement for the development of an LCATV Drupal Project with funding from interest and sources of income other than PEG sources. Motion passed (RS,DP,KT,PR yes; RP no)

SC reminded that the agreement should be reviewed by a lawyer, which KC will do. SC also recommended that the staff come up with a wish list so that their input for future needs is addressed. KC will follow up on this. RS asked about HD conversion – when this might take place, the cost and all. He also suggested checking in with the library staffs to check on their needs as they try to expand their audience to see if our resources might assist them. We should all be thinking of ways LCATV might assist our customer base in new ways to bring to future meetings.

### **Treasurer's Report**

KC presented the balance sheet and reported that LCATV had also received ~\$74,000 funding check the previous week. KT will follow up with the CD at Opportunities Credit Union for \$100,000. KC will follow up on signers on each account.

### **Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

### **Adjournment**

At 6:50 pm RP made the motion, RS second, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kary Towne  
Secretary