

**Lake Champlain Access Television  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
October 25, 2011  
Georgia Library**

**Present:** Bob Sekerak; Kary Towne; Peter Russom; Neil Hilt; Dick Pecor  
Kevin Christopher

**Call to Order:**

Neil called the meeting to order at 6 pm. Dick arrived shortly after this and took over running the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Bob made the motion, Pete second, to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

**Public / Board Member / Staff Comments:**

There were no comments at this time.

**Approval of Minutes of 9/29/11:**

Bob made the motion, Pete second, to approve the minutes of 9/29/11. Motion approved.

**Old Business**

2011 Contract: Kevin reported that there had been a meeting last Wednesday with Comcast to continue working on contract negotiations. He felt that things were moving forward. There is still discussion around remote origination sites. There will be a demonstration of 'DiscoverVideo' where staff will monitor the signal to see if it might be a reliable alternative to traditional remote origination sites. Kevin noted that another station seemed to settle the question of using capital to pay for lease and related expenses so he doesn't anticipate it will be a sticking point for LCATV. Kevin is discussing a proposal for funding a graduated structure related to level of service LCATV provides for new service territories and a new channel. Kevin is hopeful that the contract can be settled soon.

Georgia Public Representative: Carol put fliers up around town. There is a Georgia teacher who has shown interest in joining our Board and Kevin is in communication with him. We will continue advertising until we find someone.

Alternative Funding Sources: We will table this item until Sam is present. He had done some research on grants and has information on other opportunities.

Milton Property Committee: Kary did meet with Gil Rugg (Milton builder) and gave him information on LCATV. At some point LCATV will resume of search for property in Milton.

**Treasurer's Report**

Kevin presented financial information to the Board. There were 2 versions of the FY 2012 budget which he would like the Board to review and come back with questions at the November meeting. He does anticipate changes in the budget once the contract is signed.

Maureen Garafano will be at the November meeting to further discuss and clarify the capital cash question she posed to LCATV. .

The balance sheet for September 30, 2011, showed total current assets of \$378,392.48 and total assets of \$429,602.47.

Kevin did report that some of the older field cameras were repurposed rather buying new equipment. He also requested permission from the Board to replace current racks, which produce white noise all day and generate heat, with new ones which have better ventilation and better sound. They would be portable should we move to a new facility. The Board agreed to this purchase. Kevin and Pete will follow up to get the funds transferred to the correct account.

### **New Business**

Policy Review: Policy #10: Program Content – Revisions of First Reading Kevin presented a draft of Policy 10. There is no action required tonight. The Board will read it and take comments. A second reading will on the agenda for the November meeting.

Special Production Projects: Stephanie continues to work with Colchester Historical project group. This might be a good template for other towns. Neil has some ideas based on work done at a JSC series of interviews with town elders, town archives and state and local resources.

Board stipends: Should the Board consider stipends? Would this help get and keep a full Board? We will discuss this when we have everyone present.

Letter of Support for Colchester Vision Committee: Sam has been involved in the Colchester Vision Committee and will continue to be involved. He has asked that LCATV write a letter of support on behalf of their efforts to keep land open. There was brief discussion about what level of support we could give as a non-profit representing 3 towns now with more anticipated in the near future. Kevin will draft a statement for discussion at the next meeting.

### **Future Agenda Items:**

#### **Executive Session:**

There was no Executive Session needed.

#### **Adjournment:**

At 6:55 pm, Bob made the motion, Pete second, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned. Kevin will contact everyone via email to set up the November and December meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Kary Towne  
Secretary