



Board of Directors Regular Meeting
February 17, 2020, at 6:00 pm
LCATV
63 Creek Farm Plaza, Suite 3, Colchester, Vermont 05446

Board of Directors in Attendance: Greg Drew (GD), Curt Taylor (CT), Bob Shea (BShea) at 6:06, Dirk Reith (DR), Ken Rocheleau (KR).

Staff in Attendance: Kevin Christopher (KC).

1. Call to Order by GD at 6:03 PM.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by KR, 2nd by CT, passed unanimously.

3. Public / Board Member / Staff Comment

KC reported that DR had expressed interest in serving on the LCATV Board. KC explained that the Board is comprised of three groups: Colchester-Milton, Georgia-Fairfax-Westford, South Hero, Grande Isle-North Hero. DR expressed interest in the 3-year Colchester-Milton vacancy. GD will be continuing in the 2-year term for Georgia-Fairfax-Westford.

Motion by KR to accept slate of GD and DR as board members, 2nd by CT, passed unanimously.

KR reported that a fellow member of his historical society remarked that for the last week or so the LCATV 6:00 AM show for channels 16, 15 and 14 had not changed. KC replied that he will look into but that they might not change as frequently as expected.

GD noted that he had stumbled across the new *high numbers* channels. KC explained that those have always been there, but that the new channels will be active tomorrow (2/18/20).

4. Approve Minutes of 1/9/2019 Meeting

Motion to approve by DR, 2nd by CT, passed unanimously

5. Executive Director's Report

KC stated that the Vermont Access Network (VAN) meeting will be in Montpelier at the Vermont College of Fine Arts on May 1st starting at 9:00 AM. KC's presidency of that organization ends on that day. VAN is working toward having a state-wide contract template with ComCast, rather than each organization negotiating on its own. ComCast has responded favorably. There will be a negotiations meeting in Colchester in late February or early March. Negotiations can take years. There are now about 12 expired contracts with ComCast.

The new four-digit channels (1075, 1085, 1095) will be activated tomorrow (2/18/20). For three months channels 15, 16 and 17 will be on the air simultaneously. Our programming should now be on ComCast's programming guide.

KC added that the new AC equipment has been installed in the studio.

6. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the treasurer (Jeff Hathaway) KC reported the financials. There has been no out-of-the-ordinary expenses or revenues.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report by KR, 2nd by DR, passed unanimously

7. Old Business

a. FCC Action – Status

KC stated that we are waiting for the appeals process to work its way through. KC briefly explain the issues involved. The rule may be implemented at any time, but as yet this has not happened.

b. Legislative Update

KC reviewed the history of proposed legislation in both Vermont legislative bodies dealing with the possible loss of public access funding due to the FCC ruling and/or by changing subscriber behavior. The bills (H.744 and S.318) hope for \$100,000 to fund an independent study primarily having to do with the use of public rights-of-ways and fees that might be assessed for their use. One bill is in the Senate Finance committee and the other in the House Energy and Technology Committee. VAN made a coordinated effort to present information at the nine budget hearings held throughout the state.

c. Service-for-Hire

KC has not yet investigated the details of using LCATV's drone capability to generate revenue for the organization.

8. New Business

a. Internet Security Assessment

Jeff Hathaway is the board member most involved with this subject. KC reported that Jeff and he talked about it after the last meeting. Buddy Meilleur prepared an audit of all the machines, operating systems and such. The audit has been handed over to Jeff.

b. Recognition of Board Service

This concerns recognition of past board member Carol Jones for her work with LCATV. There was some discussion of making her an emeritus board member. KC said that he could put together a nameplate and plaque required. CT suggested a compilation DVD of her performances. KC agreed with the idea and will make it so.

Motion to recognize Carol Jones as our second emeritus board member by DR, 2nd by KR, passed unanimously.

At some time in the future a presentation and small celebration will be organized.

KR initiated some discussion about the treasurer's check signing abilities and asked who in LCATV can sign checks. KC responded that the treasurer, he and Dick Pecor can all sign checks.

9. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM by CT, 2nd by DR, passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted on March 17th, 2020 (DRAFT), by Curt Taylor – Secretary
Approved March 24th 2020