



Board of Directors Regular Meeting

February 8th, 2021, at 6:00 pm

via Zoom

Board of Directors in Attendance: Greg Drew (GD), Bob Shea (BShe), Curt Taylor (CT), Dick Pecor (DP), Dirk Reith (DR), Jeff Hathaway at 6:15 (JH)

Staff in Attendance: Kevin Christopher (KC), Michael Wright (MW)

1. Call to Order by DP at 6:01 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by DR, second by GD, passed unanimously.

3. 2021 Board Appointments & Board of Directors Reorganization

DP turned the meeting over to Executive Director KC. KC then went through a short list of the Directors whose terms have expired to see if they want to reup as Directors.

- Bob Shea – switched from a two-year term to a one-year term for the group representing Georgia, Fairfax & Westford.
- Curt Taylor – switched from a one-year term to a two-year term representing Colchester & Milton.
- Jeff Hathaway - confirmed later in the meeting that he will continue in his present three-year position representing Georgia, Fairfax & Westford for three years.

Motion to approve the slate and changes presented by DR, second by GD, passed unanimously.

KC then entertained nominations for Board President.

GD nominated DP for Board President. KR seconded the nomination.

With no further nominations for President, KC entertained nominations for Vice President

DR nominated GD for Vice President. DP seconded the nomination.

With no further nominations for Vice President, KC entertained nominations for Secretary.

DR nominated CT for Secretary. GD seconded the nomination.

With no further nominations for Secretary, KC entertained nominations for Treasurer.

DP nominated DR for Treasurer. CT seconded the nomination.

With no further nominations for Treasure KC requested the following motion.

Motion to approve the slate of officers by GD, second by DR, passed unanimously.

DP, as President, continued the meeting.

4. Public / Board Member / Staff Comment

No comments

5. Approval of Minutes of 12/14/2020 and 1/14/2020

Motion to approve the minutes by DR, second by GD.

KC pointed out that the 1/14/2020 minutes should be a 'Special' meeting.

Motion then passed unanimously.

6. Executive Director's Report

Field production is beginning again. Sports starts this Friday. Town Meeting night will be truncated. In a month the studio will host the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby event. LCATV will stream live the racing of scouts' model cars. Several summer camps have been scheduled and will be 'tentatively' in-person. Slowly LCATV is opening up for business. MW added that the first sporting event will be girls' basketball at Colchester High School.

At this point JH joined the meeting and was asked if he wished to continue his three-year term. He agreed.

Motion to approve JH's three-year term by DR, second by GD, passed unanimously.

7. Treasurer's Report

The newly elected Treasurer (DR) confirmed that finances looked good. There was some discussion as KC informed the new treasurer of what information will be provided in the future. The \$50,000 error in the last report has been corrected.

8. Old Business

a. Federal Communication Commission and Legislative Initiatives

KC reported that with the change in Federal Administration there is a new chair of the FCC. There is also one appointment that needs to be made to the commission. KC was not sure how the In-Kind Contribution issue will play out since there has been the change in administration.

KC reported that with PEG Access report has not come out yet but should be released soon.

b. Cable line Extension Fund Update

DP reported that there has been no communication regarding the status of the Middle Road potential project, but deadlines are coming soon. He expects more information in the coming weeks.

There is an ongoing Public Utilities Commission (PUC) investigation into rule 8.313 which is the process for getting a cable line extension. DP is hoping that there will be some action by the PUC during the month.

c. Policy #9 (Formerly #10): Program Content – Revisions 3rd reading / Action

KC has consulted with a communications attorney regarding the question of what Federal Law there might be with regard to games of chance and raffles. He confirmed that there is no Federal law. There has been guidance for FCC broadcasters but not for PEG stations.

At this point in the discussion (6:29 PM) the meeting was interrupted by someone jumping into the meeting and making inappropriate comments in the chat feature. The meeting was stopped, then continued using a different platform.

After considerable discussion about how LCATV might handle programming requests involving gambling the board decided that unless federal or state law prohibits LCATV from providing specific programming the station should not have no such restrictions.

Motion to approve policy #9 by GD, second by DR, passed unanimously.

d. Policy #5 (Old #6): Sponsorship, Advertising and Paid Services – Revisions 2nd Reading / Action

There were no further changes to this policy.

Motion to approve policy #5 by DR, second by JH, passed unanimously.

e. Policy #6 (Old #7) Program Scheduling – Revisions 2nd Reading / Action

There were no further changes to this policy.

Motion to approve policy #6 by DR, second by GD, passed unanimously.

9. New Business

a. Policy #8 (New #7) Use of Facilities – Revisions 1st Reading

KC suggested a number of revisions having to do with the duplication of material and making the language fit current practices. The changes will be made and submitted for approval at the next meeting.

b. Policy #9 (New #8) Use of Minors in LCATV Programs – Revisions 1st Reading

KC suggested revisions that were approved for first reading. There was some discussion about the various processes involved when enabling content with minors to be distributed. Talent releases and the forms used were also discussed.

10. Executive Session (if needed)

Not needed.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:21 PM by DR, 2nd by CT, passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted on March 15th, 2021 (DRAFT) by Curt Taylor – Secretary
Approved with small change at March 22nd meeting