



Board of Directors Regular Meeting
March 10th, 2025, at 6:00 PM
LCATV & via Zoom
63 Creek Farm Plaza, Suite 3, Colchester, Vermont 05446

Board of Directors in Attendance: Dirk Reith (DR), Curt Taylor (CT), Greg Drew (GD), Al Getler (AG), and Matt Ketcham (MK)

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

1. Call to Order by Chair DR at 6:00 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by AG, second by CT, passed unanimously.

3. Public / Board Members / Staff Comments

MW asked about plans for the now-vacant content producer position and health care benefits for next year. DR responded that he would get back to him on the content producer position and that next year's health has not yet been discussed.

4. Approve Minutes of 1/06/2025

Motion to approve Minutes of 1/06/2025 by AG, second by MK, passed unanimously.

5. Executive Director's Report

KC reported that Town Meeting coverage has wrapped up. LCATV had a few candidates in, there were several budget presentations and LCATV provided live coverage of the election results. Staffing was a bit short, but it all worked out.

KC also mentioned that LCATV has completed installation of the new battery backups. The old ones are not needed. He asked the Board if LCATV could offer the old backups to other Community Media Organizations. The Board agreed to the idea.

6. Treasurer's Report

Because the treasurer was not in attendance, KC reviewed the finances. The 4th quarter check from ComCast was down 9% from last year's 4th quarter payment. He does not know if this is a trend. KC believes that Consolidated's expansion of broadband service is impacting ComCast's cable subscriptions.

KC also asked about LCATV using electronic means of paying bills. The U.S. Post Office service has not been good and bill payments are arriving late or not at all. The Board approved the idea, and KC will start the process for LCATV to pay some bills electronically. CT asked about how that might impact our policy on check signing. KC responded that we can discuss that when we go through the By-Laws and Policies later in the meeting.

7. LCATV By-Laws & Policy Review

a. LCATV By-Law Revisions – First Reading

There was considerable discussion concerning suggested By-Law changes. The use of electronic payments and transfers was rolled into the article on Contracts, Checks, Bank Accounts and Investments. The Board agreed to move the policy changes to second reading. CT and KC will work on specific changes to Article V on Prohibitions Against Conflict of Interest.

b. LCATV Policy Revisions (Policies 1-8, 10-11) – First Reading

After considerable discussion the board agreed to move these policies to second reading with suggested changes.

c. LCATV Policy Revisions (Policies 9: Program Content) - Second Reading / Action

There was some discussion about the proper way to approach Policy 9 regarding the editing of gavel-to-gavel coverage of meetings. The Board agreed with MK's suggestion that editing should be allowed only in extraordinary circumstances involving public safety. KC wanted to consult with LCATV's attorney, and the Board agreed.

Motion to approve Policy 9 for 3rd reading after KC consults with attorney by AG, second by CT, passed unanimously

KC reminded the board that a decision needs to be made regarding the creative content license applied to all LCATV productions. The board decided that the selection of a license type can be done at 3rd reading. KC will confirm with the attorney that the license can be overridden by the commercial license agreement

8. Old Business

a. Fundraising & Sponsorship Planning

KC had nothing to report on this issue

9. New Business

Creative content position – The board decided to pause the rehiring of a creative content producer to give the board time to reconsider the nature of the position. KC stated that he is reluctant to offer anyone the position during this time of uncertain revenue projections. There was some discussion about reframing the position with more community outreach.

10. Executive Session (if needed)

Not needed

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by AG, second by CT, passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

DRAFT Respectfully submitted by Curt Taylor – Secretary on March 12th, 2025

Approved at March 31, 2025 meeting with small change.