



Granite Town Media

Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

23 June 2016

Present: Dave Alcox, Kevin Federico, Tim Finan, Mike McInerney, Tom Schmidt

Absent: Kevin Drew, Don Jalbert, Joe Kasper

Guests:

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order 7:02 PM

Minutes

Minutes approved with corrections.

March GTM Minutes have not been posted on the web site. Mike will update.

GTMAC Election Results not posted on web site. Mike will update

Tom mentioned the April GTMAC meeting is not on EZStream. Mike will investigate

2015 GTM Financials

- 3% franchise fee revolving fund has been emailed
- Capital (special purpose) revolving fund has not been sent out. Tim requested Mike email 2015 roll up for discussion at the next meeting.

Public Channel Content

- Tim delivered 3 videos: Monson Village, Federal Hill fire and Quarries. Decided to broadcast one at a time.
- Shakespeare in advertising event presented at Library is being broadcast.
- Dave Alcox will present 3 programs about civics and the US Constitution at Hampshire Hills beginning July 27. Tentative schedule is to hold sessions every other week. Mike will investigate if it is feasible to cover the meetings.
- Mike is airing religious videos received from a local church.

Expanded Meeting Coverage

- Recycling is the next committee to be covered. Mike will coordinate with Gary Daniels chair of the committee.
- Mike mentioned there may be occasions where he does not have enough staff to cover meeting during the summer due to vacations.
- Library and Water & Sewer meeting coverage going well.

HS Equipment Upgrade

- Satellite dish was removed. Cost \$600 rather than \$500. Tom moved/Kevin F. 2nd, AIF to approved the increased amount.
- Comcast account and modem upgraded at high school. Upload speed is significantly faster. Tim asked Mike to run speed test to verify.
- Bruce D. is ordering router for remote access to GTM gear at HS.
- Asbestos removal will only impact access to GTM gear for 3-5 days.
- Mike needs to schedule time with his A/V guy to order additional equipment. Once that is implemented the Edu and Gov EZStream live feed will match the Comcast PEG channels and the two additional servers will automate real time program upload to EZStream.
- All three PEG cable channels were down for several days. Turned out it was a headend problem, GTM equipment was working normally. Mike discovered the problem proactively, using the video monitors in his office.

Oval Web Camera

- Mike is working with Bruce D. to install a dedicated Wi-Fi AP to support the camera. Kevin asked Mike to look into other more robust cameras and one that supports Ethernet so we do not have to use an AP. The Oval is pretty crowded with Wi-Fi.

Video Projects

- Proposed Fire safety PSA due to drought conditions.
- Mock accident drill was covered. Debating whether or not to air as there is not much in the way of exposition.
- Water Dept. – UV treatment PSA is pending
- Tim asked about doing a Fletcher's Paint site cleanup and South Street improvement video. Mike indicated the info is in the web site, but not as videos.
- Mike added a page under GTM on the town web site showing video thumbnails and links to GTM produced videos. These are videos not on EZStream, typically PSAs.
- Kevin Federico asked about using a different streaming site than EZStream, since it is PC centric. Mike mentioned others services are much more expensive. Using YouTube was discussed and if it supports video on demand. Mike will investigate.

Upcoming Meeting:

28 July 2016 7 PM Board of Selectmen meeting room

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned 7:54 PM

Respectfully submitted: Tom Schmidt