



Granite Town Media

Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

23 March 2023

Present: Dave Alcox, Josh Breault, Tim Finan, Chris Gentry, Lisa Griffiths, Tina Philbrick, Tom Schmidt, Jon Teger, Nathalie Watson

Absent: Wade Campbell

Guests: Andrew Kouropoulos, Mike Thornton

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order 6:02 PM as a hybrid Zoom meeting.

Member renewal

- Tom moved Tina 2nd AIF to recommend Nathalie Watson membership renewal. Next step will forward recommendation to BoS for approval.

Annual Election

- Chairman Josh Breault - Tim moved/Jon 2nd AIF
- Vice Chairman Wade Campbell - Tina moved/Lisa 2nd AIF
- Secretary Tom Schmidt - Josh moved/Tina 2nd AIF

Manager Report

- Historical Society lecture about Native American burial archology. Should be available for broadcast once all the onsite archology is complete. Video can currently be seen at the Milford Historical Society.
- School District Bales renovation warrant article presentation recorded and broadcast live from Bales. Many thanks to the school district IT department for making live school broadcast possible.
- Franchise fee - 5% rate became effective March 1st 2023
- Candide Forums Dave Alcox moderated the Selectmen forum and Steve Martin the School Board. Both have been well received.
- Town and School Deliberative sessions. Pretty much same coverage as last year. Both video and audio worked well.
- Election coverage – Planned live coverage during the day and reading of election results. Town is using new optical scanners to tally votes. Secretary of State and Ballot Law Commission personal will be at the election. GTM covered testing of the new machines prior to the election. SoS wants Milford to perform a post-election audit Thursday. At this time it is not clear if GTM will cover it.
- Podcasting Studio – Andrew set up a small studio in Town Hall basement to facilitate recording podcasts. Only cost about \$750 to set up.



- Board of Selectman meeting room upgrade – Chris presented quotes. It has been difficult getting quotes as vendors are not interested in these small jobs and one vendor we have used previously no longer exists. We received two quotes from the vendor we used to upgrade the Tightrope gear. Discussed options and choose to go with the higher end Sony cameras and delete the ceiling microphone system as the new microphones have been working well. The existing BoS room cameras (not all cameras are still functional) will be used as spares and replace a failed camera at the high school.
 - New gear will include an L shaped videographer desk at rear of the BoS room freeing up additional visitor seating.
 - While the existing BoS lighting is not studio quality it has been working well and will not be replaced. Mike Thornton mentioned there are LED tubes with more accurate color rendition that can be swapped in.
 - Replacing the current arrangement of multiple tables with a custom designed A/V desk with built in monitors had been on our wish list but it is too costly, doubling the cost of the upgrade.
 - Tom moved/Tina 2nd to approve not more than \$60,000 for the BoS upgrade AIF. Once all the equipment arrives equipment installation and wiring should take a couple of days. Installation will be scheduled as to not interfere with meetings.

Videos

- Tim asked about streaming the oval cam on the channel. Chris indicated it should be possible with the new software.
- Milford Eats - Dave Alcox wants to reshoot Riley's Place video as there has been a lengthy delay posting the original. Latest Milford Eats video was at Papa Joes.
- Dave talked about doing short vignettes about various Milford landmarks.

Minutes & History

January 26th Minutes approved as presented Tom moved/Josh second AIF

GTM History has been updated through end of 2022 will be posted on the web site.

Upcoming Meeting:

27 April 2023 @6:30 PM hybrid Zoom, GTM meeting set to slightly later time to not conflict with Right to Know presentation.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Schmidt