Granite Town Media
Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
27 July 2017

Present: Joe Kasper, Mike McInerney, Tom Schmidt, Jon Teger

Absent: Dave Alcox, Ron Carvell, Kevin Federico, Tim Finan, Lisa Griffiths

Guests:

Call to Order:
Meeting called to order 7:05 PM

Minutes
Minutes approved - Tom moved/Joe 2nd AIF.

July Priority Items
- ➢ New Web Site – Developer has created another set of static mockups. Committee is near agreement on look and feel. Jon asked about mobile friendly optimization, that is part of their standard package. Go live date has been pushed out to September.
- ➢ GTM Equipment Upgrades
  - o SX4 HDD replacement – a) 6 media drives have been installed and the RAID array rebuilt. Mike will keep the old drives as emergency spares. b) Using SSDs to improve system performance – no update. c) 950 meetings are now available as VoD on the new server. d) Mike mentioned Tightrope is aware VoD search is less than optimal and promised to improve the capability over time.
  - o Low Audio on live feed – Randy adjusted levels and installed new distribution amps to automatically switch video feed when it detects live video from HS.
  - o Rack Cleanup – unknown if replacement racks have been ordered. Plan is to use Bruce's tech to assist in wiring cleanup. Mike and Jon will work to create enough space for second GTM rack. Completion date TBD.
- ➢ Stream GTM on Facebook – Mike confirmed what Tim F. discovered speaking to Tightrope support. Facebook and Tightrope use different Internet video streaming protocols. Facebook uses Real-Time Messaging Protocol (RTMP) while Tightrope uses HTTP live streaming (HLS). Tightrope support for RTMP is on their software roadmap. It does not make sense to purchase dedicated Facebook servers at this time. We will wait for integrated Tightrope support to add this capability.

- About Milford – first in series – Mike is waiting for Dave Palance of the Milford Historical Society to contact him. Amy and Lisa have been working in conjunction with the Historical Society on another project.
- HS Meeting room A/V install – installation scheduled for August 23-25
  - On the Air sign – Mike will add sign to P.O. based on Kevin F. request at the May GTMAC meeting. Tom asked Mike to investigate adding a device that controls the sign automatically based on presence of video signal and if so also install it in the BoS meeting room. That way the sign will positively reflect live feed status, rather than the situation now where the videographer needs to manually control the sign.

August Priority items
- New web site
- GTM equipment upgrades
  - SX4 O/S HDD replacement
  - Rack Cleanup
- About Milford series
- HS Meeting Room
- Replace twisted-pair A/V cables in high school with fiber drops. Total of 5 locations.

Video Projects
- Taste of Milford complete – airing soon.
- Mitchel is still working on the Motorcycle video – delayed due to vacation.

Status Update
- Transformer at HS was damaged over the winter and needed to be replaced. This required shutting down GTM and the entire HS for the duration. Unfortunately the replacement transformer failed the next day necessitating a second outage. Mike posted an alert indicating GTM will be temporally off the air.
- We also lost Comcast video feed. Turned out to be a problem with the Comcast headend. Simple reboot restored operation on their end.
- Demo ceiling microphone system has been temporally installed in BoS meeting room. If this works it eliminates need for individual microphones on the table. So far has been a mixed bag. Individual voices are somewhat muffled and do not sound as rich, this may be a tuning issue. There is no way to mute individual microphones for sidebar conservations.

Upcoming Meeting:
24 August 2017 7 PM Board of Selectmen meeting room

Adjourn:
Meeting adjourned 7:54 PM

Respectfully submitted: Tom Schmidt