

CATV Board Meeting  
May 12, 2015  
Tip Top Studio, White River Jct, VT

Present:

Board Members: Rob Gere, Paul Boucher, Ron Biron, Margaret Jacobs, Linda Carbino, Frank Jones

Guest: Barbara Krinitz

Staff: Bob Franzoni, Sophie Bodnar

Annual Meeting Official Start: 5:31pm

1. Secretary's Report. Typo, remove Paul Keane from list. Approved.
2. Treasurer's Report. Income down because of timing issue. Approved.
3. New Board Members:
  - a. Barbara Krinitz. Longtime producer at CATV. Linda motions. Paul seconds. All approved.
4. Election of Board Officers:
  - a. Nomination for Rob Gere, Chair; Frank Jones, Vice Chair; Paul Boucher, Treasurer; Margaret Jacobs, Secretary. Linda motions. All approved.
5. Hartford Municipal Building Review:
  - a. Town of Hartford is renovating municipal building. There was an Executive Committee meeting April 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss monetary responsibility of CATV and Hartford. Board decided on \$4052 dollars with \$7000 already in previous investments. Brought back to Hartford but then Breadloaf redesigned system. Equipment subtotal changed to \$8666.
    - i. Went through equipment list, which included a bi-amp mixer. CATV needs to be interchangeable and so has no use for a bi-amp mixer. Hartford claims that CATV needs to pay for installation costs; if that doesn't happen then CATV will have to do a school board set up.
    - ii. Question is what equipment is manageable for CATV?
    - iii. Decrease in income from Comcast. Other towns were responsible for equipment. CATV had no participation in any design of the Hartford system.
  - b. Paul moves for \$4052 to go towards the purchase of equipment for the Hartford Municipal Building and gives Executive Director Bob Franzoni the ability to go up to \$5300 per the original motion from Emergency Executive Committee Meeting on April 21. Discussion. Motion amended to keep \$5300 in total for hardware only. CATV's purchase/property needs to be explicit in writing. CATV has control and ownership over use of hardware delineated. All approved. Passed.
6. VAN, Comcast CPG and dues:

- a. Dues are normally \$300, then increased to \$600 and now are \$3300. Comcast equipment is SD and needs to update to HDTV and offer an interactive program guide. VTEL currently offers HD service.
  - i. Motion to allow one year increase of dues for fiscal year 2015, \$3300. Paul motions, Rob seconds. All approved.
- 7. Film Slam Review:
  - a. Collaboration with WRIF. 22 staring teams with 19 final. Big success! Floating 48 hours—more effort on the staff but overall it was worth the structure change.
- 8. CSpan Review:
  - a. Great turnout. Good presentation. Gave everyone a tour of the CSpan bus and made it a big deal to come out.
- 9. Hanover High School:
  - a. Issue with taping public events at Hanover High School this year due to parent issue. CATV has always taped and provided concerts as well as other events but couldn't get dvds this year. These are all public events so Hanover is receiving legal advice. CATV will do graduation and class day this year.
- 10. Steve Pappas Letter:
  - a. Steve is saying eventually the franchise fee will increase and everyone needs to be aware. Income will eventually decrease from cable. VAN should be actively pursuing income from Internet use.
- 11. Livestream:
  - a. CATV has outdated equipment for live feeds. Currently the Hanover live feed works fine but if Lebanon and Hartford go live CATV will need a third channel. Livestream is a \$500 box that goes on top of the camera and runs live on the website or TV station. CATV needs a system that goes into regular programming when Livestream has ended because the length of the town meetings isn't always the same.
    - i. Need to come up with a policy to go live—which system, which meetings, etc.
- 12. Tentative Retreat Dates:
  - a. Thursday, September 24 @ 5pm
- 13. Other:
  - a. Gratitude to Ron. Resigning from board.
  - b. June 9 will be the next meeting, skip July.

Meeting Adjourns 6:48pm