

Minutes of the New Gloucester Cable Television Committee Meeting – April 10, 2013

Those in attendance:

Committee members: Bob MacGregor (Chair), Richard Erwin (Vice-Chair),
Patti Mikkelsen, Steve Brissette

Call to order:

Bob MacGregor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Participation:

- Jean Couturier suggested several changes to the televised candidate forum format that was used in Oct. 2012 for the candidates for state offices. He said that setting aside time for members of the public to pose questions of the candidates would lead to more spontaneous, less rehearsed, responses.
- Patti read several email messages sent by other New Gloucester citizens expressing criticisms of previous televised forums and proposing changes that they assert would improve the format.
- Bob said he would set up a Cable TV Committee workshop for discussion of the format with Beverly Cadigan, who may agree to serve as moderator again, if the town election has contested positions.

Minutes:

The Feb. 13, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as written (Richard/Bob). Motion carried 3-0-1. Steve abstained as he was not present at the February meeting.

Technical Report:

Richard presented his 4/10/2013 technical report, available as a separate document.

Next Meeting:

Bob scheduled the next Cable TV Committee meeting for Wednesday, May 8. [Note: Subsequently, this meeting was cancelled.]

Skyline Farm taping on 3/24:

Patti reported that she and Bob taped a program at Skyline Farm in North Yarmouth of a talk by a painting conservator whose work revealed a painting on the back panel of an antique sleigh. The editing of the program is about two-thirds done.

Shaker Village Request:

Patti said that NGTV received a booklet listing the 2013 schedule at Shaker Village from representatives there. They invited us to provide television coverage of any events of interest.

Leightronix UltraNexus Request Status:

Bob stated that the selectmen will be reviewing articles for the town meeting warrant at its May 6 meeting. Our committee's equipment request will be considered as one of the articles. Bob said that he plans to attend and has lined up our consultant, Mike Stephanak, to come in case selectmen were to ask any questions about our request.

Other:

- Patti reported that she has received notice of an April 18 New Gloucester Historical Society presentation. She recommended against covering it because of NGTV's heavy workload and the fact that the program is not specific to New Gloucester.

- Patti said that she has been asked by the Friends of Seguin Island to make a documentary about the island. She requested permission to use NGTV equipment, and no one objected.
- Bob reported that he has encountered recent computer glitches while trying to create graphs illustrating Town Hall Streams statistics. He said that he will ask one of his family members to lend assistance. He added that the statistics revealed spikes in viewership over recent months.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:28 p.m. (Richard/Steve). Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes were submitted by Patti Mikkelsen (recorder).