

Minutes of the New Gloucester Cable Television Committee Meeting – May 9, 2012

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.

Minutes:

The April 11, 2012 meeting minutes were approved pending one change (Richard/Steve). Motion carried 4-0.

Technical Report:

- Richard presented his 5/9/2012 technical report, available as a separate document.
- Due the recent failure of two DVD recorders, Bob suggested that when we put together our next budget we consider updating our whole operation. Richard agreed by saying that it is time to step up to the next generation of recording by purchasing a server.
- Richard reported that the 'Operating Supplies' expense account amount should be adjusted to \$564.14, as of 5/1/12.
- Bob said that he and Richard will go to Best Buy at the end of the month to purchase a Blu-ray recorder and have the technicians install it in the Asus computer.

Public Participation:

None

Candidates Forum:

Bob said that all four candidates for selectman are ready to participate, and Beverly Cadigan has agreed to serve as the moderator. A date will be set that is convenient for all parties.

May-June Productions:

Patti proposed covering two local events in June. The first is an event hosted by New Gloucester's Economic Development Committee about energy efficient homes. Steve offered to help if possible. The second event is one of the concerts at Shaker Village during a music festival in late June. All committee members supported taping both of these events.

Capture Town Meeting for VOD:

Richard said that he has set up the VOD streaming for the annual town meeting

Other:

- Bob said that he, Richard, Town Manager Sumner Field and Town Clerks Sharlene Myers and Kim Getchell met about methods to maintain the Channel 3 bulletin board more easily. Richard had informed them that there is a mechanism by which the pages can be programmed to start and end on specific dates. Also, Richard said that upgrading the Aavelin program to make .pdf files would cost \$425, which could be drawn from the maintenance account. He will contact the town staff to present that option.
- Bob said that he would arrange a meeting between NGTV and Joe Moran soon to discuss making a GNG Drama Club video.
- Bob stated Eric Spenlinhauer of Town Hall Streams has informed him that improvements will be implemented soon involving indexing videos into program chapters and providing a more understandable format for user statistics.

Next Meeting:

The next Cable TV Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 7 p.m. at The Meetinghouse.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:33 p.m. (Patti/Steve). Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes were submitted by Patti Mikkelsen (recorder).