

Joint Village/Town Public Access Committee
Minutes July 8, 2019

Present: Anton Stewart, Committee Chair
Andrea Russo
Kevin Kelly
Bob Fagan, Program Coordinator

Guest: Don Kerr

Absent: Alex Wojcik, Village Liaison
Dan Torres, Town Liaison

Call to Order: Anton Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm.

Business:

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting of June 3. Minutes approved.
2. Program Coordinator's Report

a. Technical issues:

Bob is still trying to isolate the cause of an intermittent hum when broadcasting from the Community Center. It occurs for about 10 seconds every 3-5 minutes. It was suggested that perhaps there is a failing capacitor? The hum is heard even when not connected to the Nexus machine. Anton and Bob will troubleshoot.

Bob was able to move the computer to the rack instead of the table, fix the tray table that now holds only the monitor and organize the media closet to reduce the number of loose cables.

The Town Board is moving their meetings from the Courthouse back to the Community Center for the summer.

b. June Programming

A new episode of Slice of New Paltz, from Don Kerr, featured the Denizen Theater. There were 15 Music Vault videos broadcast, and 4 Eye on New Paltz shows produced in the 1980s/1990s from SUNY.

There were three new Bulletins.

c. New Programming

Bob contacted the producer of the local short film festival who was interested in broadcasting them on Channel 23 but has not heard back.

3. Discussion about studio/office Space at Village Hall.

Mayor Tim Rogers indicated by email that the Village will not be able to come up with office space for public access in the near future. Space is not available for a few reasons. For one, the ceiling in the clerks' offices needs repair, and they may need alternative space to work. They will know more about their needs after the audit is done. The Town is hoping to move out of their temporary trailers. We are waiting to hear back about the DRI grant application that would help finance renovation of the Village Hall complex.

4. Vacancy on PATV Committee.

Don Kerr is interested in applying for the open Town position.

5. Status of Live Streaming from Village Hall

Andrea asked for an update on the status of the live streaming process. Bob or Anton still have to enable the streaming but can do remotely. There are still technical issues including bandwidth issues and privacy issues in the way of allowing the secretary/clerk from live streaming without help from the PA committee.

Anton suggested that the Village could choose to upgrade the Epiphan recorder, which might cost around \$1500. He will look into the trade-in options.

The Nexus could be used to stream Town meetings.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is Monday, 8/5/19, 7 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Andrea R. Russo