

Joint Village/Town Public Access Committee
Minutes: May 6, 2019

Present: Anton Stewart, Committee Chair
Andrea Russo
Don Kerr, Village Liaison

Absent: Kevin Kelly
Bob Fagan, Program Coordinator
Dan Torres, Town Liaison

Call to Order: Anton Stewart, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Business:

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting of April 1st: Andrea asked if minutes could be reviewed and approved online, since Bob Fagan was absent.
2. Program Coordinator's Report

a. Technical issues:

April 2 Village Planning Board meeting did not record to the Epiphan. Button to turn camera on/off was hit twice by accident so stopped recording. DVD recorded successfully and Bob was able to convert video off that for replay on the internet and Channel 23.

April 10 Village Board meeting: the camera may have been left on or powered on for some reason a few days before April 10th, causing the Epiphan to record continuously and fill up the internal storage (30GB). At that point it starts to write over itself. There were multiple files recorded, and the wrong one was originally uploaded to YouTube. Bob was able to recompress the video recording on the DVD and upload the correct meeting to the internet. The Epiphan was restarted and was working fine afterwards.

May 2 Town Board Meeting: The meeting failed to go out live from the public hearing portion of the meeting. The camera operator was able to re-link the connection after that, and start the live broadcast of the meeting, but without one audio channel. The A/B switch for the Village/Courthouse may be faulty and will be replaced.

b. April Programming

A new episode of Slice of New Paltz highlighting the Notre Dame fire, 4 new Music Vault Shows, and the 4/17 NYPIRG Fossil Fuel Forum at SUNY New Paltz. Two more Eye

on New Paltz episodes, which were produced by the SUNY New Paltz Media Department during the 1980's/1990's. One of them featured the Tour de Trump.

There were eight new Bulletins.

3. Contact with Charter/Spectrum

There has been no new contact with Spectrum last the last conference call in March.

4. Future plans for PA Committee

Anton reviewed the plan he had presented to the Joint Town/Village Board Meeting on February 7th. The idea of establishing a not-for-profit, 501c3 organization was discussed. Anton offered to act as the director during the set up stage, and encouraged members of the committee to sign on as directors.

Don reported that he reached out to the Mayor about the possible office/studio space available at Village Hall. Currently the office is still being used by a DPW member. Since an address is required for the not-for-profit application, Don will inquire about using Village Hall as our address.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is Monday, 6/4/19, 7 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Andrea R. Russo