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UNAPPROVED MINUTES June 7, 2018

Present: Chairman Sol Silverstein, Gary DelPiano, Bob Kelly, Michael Papa, Coordinator Ron Davis, Assistant Coordinator Chris Kelly

Chairman Silverstein convened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Questions & Comments: Chairman Silverstein reported that the links to the OGAT live stream and Video on Demand (VOD) are now available in 3 locations on the town website: the home page, the OGAT page and the "How do I View..." page. He also stated that we need to reset the router to factory settings and download any firmware updates due to the recently discovered VPNFilter malware. OGAT's router is on a list of affected devices. He asked if the Independence Day promo is running and if the announcement of the event is on the bulletin board and scroll as requested last month. Coordinator Davis and Assistant Coordinator Kelly said they will update the programming this week. Mr. Silverstein asked if every OGAT program is put on DVD. Mr. Kelly said the DVDs for 3 programs need to be created.

Approve Minutes of May 3, 2018: Gary DelPiano, seconded by Bob Kelly, made the ***motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2018 meeting with the following correction: change the date of the minutes approved at the meeting from March 8, 2018 to April 12, 2018.*** The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Review: The budget was reviewed.

Coordinator's Report: Mr. Davis reported that 11 meetings and 2 events were recorded/shown in May. A correction was made to the April event count. Assistant Coordinator Chris Kelly reported 358 live hits and 673 Video on Demand (VOD) hits for the month.

Coordinator Davis reported that to the best of his knowledge, the Frontier system is functioning properly.

He also reported that we were unable to livecast the Memorial Day ceremonies as the Discover Video servers were down.

Coordinator Davis also reported that he has spoken with Laura Jordan, Senior Director Political Relations for Altice, USA about replacing the standard definition signal on the I-net with high definition (HD) using internet protocol (IP). He was joined in this request by Gerry Speno of Fairfield Government Access TV. She said no such change was acceptable to Altice's decision

makers. Mr. Davis said he was going to prepare a joint document with other Area 2 stations expressing our arguments to Altice. He contacted Area 9 for their input, and they are interested in joining in.

Town Talk: Mr. Davis reported that neither Joan Cretella of Community Services nor Fire Marshall Tim Smith have been available to discuss programming for their departments. He may send a memo to all department heads again about the Town Talk program and will speak to First Selectman Zeoli about supporting the effort.

Assistant Coordinator Kelly reported the hits for Video on Demand going back to November 2017, noting that even November programs are still being viewed.

Chairman Silverstein reported that he had met with Finance Director John Cifarelli on May 30 at Mr. Cifarelli's request to discuss programming missing from OGAT's VOD lineup. Mr. Cifarelli stated that both he and First Selectman Zeoli had received complaints from residents that several May programs were not available on VOD including the May 15 Annual Town Meeting which contained important information about the budget. Chairman Silverstein stated that some of the missing programs were finally available on June 4, and the rest were available June 7. Mr. Kelly stated that he had uploaded the programs and was surprised they were not there. Going forward he will monitor the VOD to make sure the programs upload properly.

Michael Papa, seconded by Gary DelPiano, made the ***motion to approve the Coordinator's Report for May 2018***. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item List: The list was reviewed. New action items were added.

Cable Advisory Council (CAC) Grant: Assistant Coordinator Kelly stated that his list of items for next grant was not quite complete, and he would need a little more time to finalize it. He offered to present what he had. The committee directed Mr. Kelly and Mr. Davis to review the list and agree on the items to be requested. The items should be prioritized and the resulting list should be emailed to the committee within two weeks so it can be reviewed by the members and discussed at the July 5 meeting. A decision will be made at that meeting as to exactly which items will be requested in the grant application which is due to CAC by July 15.

Equipment Inventory: No changes.

Town Talk Program: Discussed as part of the Coordinator's report.

At 8:57 pm, Gary DelPiano, seconded by Michael Papa, made the ***motion to adjourn***.

Respectfully submitted,

Sol Silverstein,
Chairman