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## UNAPPROVED MINUTES October 10, 2019

**Present:** Chairman Sol Silverstein, Gary DelPiano, Robert Kelly, Tina Magyar, Coordinator Ron Davis, Assistant Coordinator Chris Kelly

Chairman Silverstein convened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

### **Questions & Comments:**

Chairman Silverstein discussed some issues with the OGAT crawl and some of the programming during September.

Mr. Silverstein also asked Assistant Coordinator Kelly if he had contacted Amity Regional High School (ARHS) and the University of New Haven (UNH) regarding students who might be interested in being camera operators. Chris said he had not heard back from ARHS, but there is a recent UNH graduate who is interested.

Chairman Silverstein stated he had received a memo from Ralph Okenquist of the Ad Hoc Capital Planning Committee requesting short term capital projects in excess of \$10000.

**Approve Minutes:** Gary DelPiano, seconded by Bob Kelly, made the ***motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2019 meeting.*** The motion was approved by the following vote: AYE: Chairman Silverstein, Gary DelPiano, Bob Kelly; ABSTAIN: Tina Magyar.

**Budget Review:** The budget report was reviewed.

### **Coordinator's Reports:**

**August Coordinator Report:** There were 54 live hits and 146 Video on Demand (VOD) hits in August. Discover Video reported only total VOD hit count but no individual program hit counts for August. Assistant Coordinator Kelly contacted them about this and was waiting for a response at the time the report was written.

**September Coordinator Report:** Discover Video corrected their issue with VOD hit count and is now reporting individual program values. There were 94 live hits and 424 VOD hits in September.

We had issues with the Discover Video's Streamsie software which is used for live streaming. There were video and audio dropouts. Assistant Coordinator Kelly contacted Discover and was told that the software is getting to end of life, and they are no longer developing it. Discover said that other broadcasters are using a free open source software package called OBS (Open Broadcaster Software) for live streaming and recommended we try it. Mr. Kelly is currently testing OBS, and it seems to work well. Chris said that we could use our Tricaster instead of OBS, but would need to disconnect it from the lower level meeting room in town hall to take it to other venues. He will try this approach at the next Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission meeting on October 17 at High Plains Community Center. He will use OBS for the upcoming First Selectman candidates debate on October 13. If the Tricaster test is successful, the purchase of a second unit might be an item to consider for a Capital Planning Committee request as it costs in excess of \$10000. Coordinator Davis and Assistant Coordinator Kelly continued training on producing each other's monthly reports and jointly generated September report. Chris will take the lead on producing the October coordinator report.

The coordinators stated that they would like to experiment with using YouTube as another venue for streaming and VOD of our programs. They will need to create an OGAT Google account to do so. The committee agreed to this experiment.

Bob Kelly, seconded by Tina Magyar, made the ***motion to approve the coordinator's reports with corrections to a spelling error on the title of the Zoning Board of Appeals program on page 2 of the September report.*** The motion carried unanimously.

***Action Item List:*** The Action Item list was reviewed and updated.

***Cable Advisory Council (CAC) Grant:*** Chairman Silverstein reported that the CAC had awarded OGAT full funding of its grant request in the amount of \$22048.24. He distributed a breakdown of the funding, which was \$18048.24 for equipment and \$4000.00 for labor for the temporary camera operators. Chairman Silverstein will start ordering the equipment in a few days.

***Equipment Inventory:*** No changes to the inventory have occurred.

***Town Talk:*** Mr. Davis is still working on Police Academy video. He also called the Library Director three times regarding a Town Talk program, but she was not available to record it. She said she will come up with a date and call Ron.

***Proposed Meeting Dates for CY 2020:*** Chairman Silverstein stated that he had received a memo from the Town Clerk requesting that all boards and commission provide a schedule of their regular meetings for the upcoming calendar year by December 20. Chairman Silverstein distributed a list of proposed meeting dates for committee review. After discussion, Gary DelPiano, seconded by Tina Magyar made the ***motion to approve the meeting dates.*** The motion carried unanimously.

***Proposed Budget for FY 2020-2021:*** Chairman Silverstein distributed a memo from the Finance Director to all town departments, boards and commissions requesting budgets for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 by December 6. Chairman Silverstein distributed a proposed budget and narrative for committee review. After discussion Tina Magyar, seconded by Bob Kelly, made the ***motion to approve the proposed budget.*** The motion carried unanimously.

Gary DelPiano, seconded by Bob Kelly, made the ***motion to adjourn*** at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sol Silverstein,  
Chairman