

**MILFORD GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION COMMITTEE (MGAT)  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

The Milford Government Access Television Committee (MGAT) held its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 in the Board of Education meeting room in the Parsons Complex. Recording Secretary Kathleen Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Committee Members Present

Kara Flannery  
Barbara Genovese  
David Casey  
Matt Gaynor

Also Present

Arney Rogoff, Line Producer

II. Election of Officers

Ms. Kennedy asked for nominations for chairman.

Mr. Gaynor nominated Ms. Flannery for chairman. Mr. Casey seconded the nomination.

Hearing no other nominations, nominations for Chairman were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kennedy turned the meeting over to Chairwoman Flannery.

Chairwoman Flannery asked for nominations for vice-chair.

Mr. Gaynor nominated Ms. Genovese as Vice Chairman. Mr. Casey seconded the nomination.

Hearing no other nominations, nominations for Vice Chairman were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

III. Consideration of Minutes of January 26, 2016

Ms. Genovese and Mr. Gaynor made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### IV. Public Comment

Bill Bevan - 23 Merlin Court – commented he has been reviewing the MGAT presentation to the Board of Finance at the budget hearing. He stated a question was asked as to how much each meeting or production costs MGAT. The past chairman stated it was between \$200-300. Ald. Bevan stated last year over 80 meetings were proposed at a cost of \$25 per hour. He stated the point he was making is that it does not appear this Committee is receiving enough money to cover the number of meetings they record. He stated it was his feeling the budget is well under what it should be and stated he planned to pass on these numbers to the Board of Aldermen for further review.

Vice Chairwoman Genovese commented this Committee has always asked for more funding, but have not received it in the past. She explained towards the end of the fiscal year, when they have run out of money, Mr. Rogoff cuts his fee. She also commented they have found other ways to put meetings on the air, i.e. UTube. A lengthy discussion ensued.

#### V. Treasurer's Report

Vice Chairwoman Genovese reported on the current account balances.

VI. Line Producer's Report – Mr. Rogoff reported 10 meetings were recorded this past month. He expressed his concern with no additional monies requested in the budget; it is likely they will not have enough money through the end of the fiscal year. He explained equipment is a finite cost with the unknown as to when a piece of equipment could fail.

VII. Chairman's Report – newly elected Chairwoman Flannery thanked everyone for their support and stated she was honored to serve as Chair. She stated she would be an advocate for MGAT and that she hoped to have some metrics for the next meeting.

Mr. Rogoff stated the focus and what needs to be identified is that MGAT was created for is the citizens. The citizens are provided program through the fee paid through their Cablevision bill.

Chairwoman Flannery went over the priorities for covering meetings, the first being Board of Aldermen, Planning and Zoning and Board of Education in that order. She also explained coverage of simultaneous meetings. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Casey asked about the fixed cameras and how many facilities in the city have cameras of this type.

Mr. Rogoff stated only the board of education meeting room and city hall. He also explained the recording of a meeting is basically gavel to gavel. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Casey stated he would like to see a continuous crawl as to what is being viewed.

Mr. Rogoff stated that would require additional editing.

VIII. Unfinished Business

a) Update: Back-up coverage for line producer/training.

Chairwoman Flannery suggested Mr. Rogoff schedule another training session. She also suggested if anyone has knowledge of volunteers that might want to assist to let this Committee know.

Mr. Casey agreed volunteers are important to MGAT. He stated he would schedule a time to get trained as well.

b) Update: Fundraising - Mr. Gaynor recalled the former chairman was to have contacted the superintendent, but it appears they were not able to connect with the superintendent. He also suggested approaching other organizations that they have recorded events, i.e. Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Discussion ensued regarding funding.

Vice Chairwoman Genovese stated with the GATA cuts, additional funding of any kind would be helpful.

Mr. Gaynor stated he would reach out to some of the groups they regularly film and see if they could provide any type of funding. He also commented it would be great to see high school sporting events televised.

Vice Chairwoman Genovese commented Cablevision increased their fee an additional \$11.00 per month.

Mr. Rogoff stated those fees are taxes.

Vice Chairwoman Genovese stated she contacted the City Attorney regarding the increased fees.

IX. New Business – none.

X. Adjournment - Mr. Gaynor and Ms. Genovese made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m. The next meeting MGAT Committee will take place on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary