

Milford Government Access Committee

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Platt Technical High School
Library Media Center
600 Orange Avenue
Milford, CT 06461

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Introductions of members: Phil Kearney, Michael Manente, Toby Zabiniski, Bob Adams, Paula Patterson

Producer: Dennis Guaglione

Public: Sol Silverstein

Motion: Reorder of agenda – Mike Manente, 2nd Toby Zabinski

Sol Silverstein explained history of OGAT. The first meeting was held December 1998. Ron Davis joined the committee & then things got running. March 1999, \$12,000 from Board of Finance. In December 1999, first live broadcast from town hall government access channel running 24/7. It became a standing committee a few years later. Mr. Silverstein distributed a sample the OGAT agenda and Coordinator's report and FOI document. Their current budget is \$65,000/year. Forms are available on the Town of Orange website.

Phil Kearney presented the MGAT history. The ad hoc MGAT Committee was formed in September 2000. In March 2003 the City of Milford signed an incentive agreement with Soundview Community Media for the Milford government to broadcast two time slots per week in exchange for video equipment. In October 2006 a draft decision allowed for partial town specific broadcasts. In July 2008 Milford Government Channel went town specific 24/7. The first members of the official MGAT committee were appointed by the Board of Aldermen on January 5, 2009.

Motion for the appointment of Michael Manente as chairperson, by Phil Kearney seconded Toby Zabinski.

The draft of the current Policy & Procedures was distributed. Item 5 is tabled until the next meeting.

Review of Cablevision Government/Education Access Fund Grant received by the City of Milford and Board of Education.

Producer's Report:
(see attached)

2008 Review -record 3meetings per month including 58 live broadcast. There was a total of 171 broadcasts on a \$10,000 budget plus \$1,600 supplement from Board of Aldermen.

Motion: The next meeting will be held March 24, 2009, 7pm at Platt Technical High School Library Media Center.

Motion to adjourn: Phil Kearney, seconded Toby Zabiniski 8:45pm