

# MGAT

## MILFORD GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Regular Meeting  
June 23, 2015

The Milford Government Access Television Committee (MGAT) held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 in Board of Education conference room in the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman May called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

### Committee Members Present

Albert May, Chairman  
Barbara Genovese  
David Casey  
Matt Gaynor

### Also Present

Kara Flannery

Excused: Joseph Federico

### Consideration of Minutes of May 26, 2015

Mr. Gaynor and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 meeting with the following corrections:

- p.1 – 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph the date should read “***April 28, 2015***”, not March 24, 2015.
- p. 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph (Under Line Producer’s report), should read has had meetings with “***Foran High School teacher.***” Also, in the same paragraph, he also stated he “***met***”, not worked with. . .
- p. 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should read “***continuing***”, not now. . ,and add “***whenever possible*** to the last sentence.”

Motion carried unanimously with the corrections noted above.

**Public Comment** –none

**Treasurer’s Report** – Ms. Genovese reported the balances in the accounts.

Chairman May noted they are ending the budget year with \$0. He stated they would start the new fiscal year on July 1 with the same amount that was funded by the City last year.

Mr. Casey stated it was his understanding there is a monthly commitment to Cablevision.

Mr. Rogoff stated the amount is \$60 per month to run the programming.

Chairman May stated Cablevision provides the \$25,000 budget which he reported they have cut to \$23,000 for the coming year. Discussion ensued.

**Line Producer's Report** –Mr. Rogoff reported he met with Mike Savic, the representative from Discover Video on June 4, 2015. He reported they are both capable and willing to do what this Committee has asked, but at a cost this Committee just does not have. He went on to provide a complete breakdown of costs for Discover Video, including a summation of what Discover Video offers with regard to video-on-demand and live streaming of meetings per year. He pointed out U-Tube offers video-on-demand for many meetings and programming for no fee.

Chairman May stated the Committee would need to consider whether or not to continue with Discover Video. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Casey commented as to the best available source of content available on-line.

**Chairman's Report** - Chairman May reported he was notified by Cable Advisory Council that MGAT's grant has been reduced to \$23,495, which is roughly a \$1,500 cut. He reported he sent letters to the Mayor and Board of Education regarding the cut. Chairman May also reported effective July 1, 2015 he will officially be a member of the Council as well as Phil Kearney, Dan Worroll and Janet Montalbano. He also reported he sent an email to the City Attorney seeking an opinion regarding fundraising and what is acceptable. Chairman May spoke of some foundations, i.e. Friends of the Library, etc. On another note, Chairman May reported Mr. Federico would be resigning from the Committee.

### **Unfinished Business**

a) **Fundraising ideas** – Chairman May reiterated he sent an email to the City Attorney.

b) **Programming schedule** – Chairman May spoke about MGAT on demand. He recalled this was suggested by Mr. Casey.

Mr. Casey reiterated the importance of having a schedule. He suggested the Committee redirect its enthusiasm to "video on demand." He stated it is an opportunity for this Committee to do a real service to the community.

Ms. Flannery stated it might to a reminder to have something in the paper when "live" meetings will be broadcast by MGAT. Discussion ensued.

Chairman May suggested posting the schedule beginning in the fall. He asked Ms. Flannery to post the schedule.

Mr. Casey asked if there is a website for MGAT. He stated he would propose it would be beneficial to this Committee. Discussion ensued.

Chairman May suggested Mr. Casey speak with the City's MIS Coordinator.

**Mr. Gaynor and Ms. Genovese made and seconded a motion to end MGAT's relationship with Discover Video and move forward with U-Tube. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Gaynor asked about meeting in July and August.

Chairman May stated typically this Committee does not meet in July and August, unless needed.

Note: Mr. Gaynor left at 8:25 p.m.

Chairman May asked about a press release to the public. Discussion ensued.

**New Business** – none.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Genovese and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Committee adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

The next meeting of the Milford Government Access Committee will take place on June 23, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary