

**MILFORD GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION COMMITTEE (MGAT)
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2021**

The Milford Government Access Television Committee (MGAT) held their Regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 via Zoom teleconference. The secretary called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Committee Members Present

Kara Flannery, Chairwoman
Nija Phelps
Tad Weinstein

Also Present

Brooke Cirillo
Blessing Nwaohuocha

II. Election of Officers

Ms. Kennedy stated the first order of business tonight was to elect a chairman for the committee.

Ms. Phelps and Mr. Weinstein moved to nominate Kara Flannery to continue serving as Chairwoman. Hearing no other nominations, the secretary closed nominations for Chairperson, casting one vote in the affirmation. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kennedy turned the meeting over to Chairwoman Flannery.

Chairwoman Flannery stated she would entertain nominations for Vice Chair.

Mr. Weinstein and Ms. Flannery moved to nominate Nija Phelps as Vice Chairwoman. Hearing no other nominations for Vice Chair, nominations were closed with the secretary casting one vote in the affirmative. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Flannery stated she would entertain nominations for Treasurer.

Ms. Phelps and Ms. Flannery moved to nominate Tad Weinstein to serve as Treasurer. Hearing no other nominations for treasurer, nominations were closed with the secretary casting one vote in the affirmative. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Mr. Weinstein and Ms. Phelps made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Phelps and Mr. Weinstein made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Weinstein displayed on the screen the current budget showing expenditures, etc.

Chairwoman Flannery explained when she filed the grant on December 15, 2020, she included expenses for labor, but those expenses were already billed to the city side, so the city credited those invoices back to the MGAT account.

Mr. Weinstein continued with an explanation of the current finances.

V. Producer's Report

Chairwoman Flannery stated she was happy to have in attendance tonight both Ms. Cirillo and Mr. Nwaohuocha.

Ms. Cirillo reported she has been keeping the channels up to date with all meetings MGAT streams from zoom making sure the channels (Channel 78 and 79) always have content.

Mr. Nwaohuocha reported difficulties in hosting Zoom meetings on the cityside. He stated he is only hosting BOE meetings and they are going very smoothly.

Chairwoman Flannery reported she has offered to the city on several occasions to have MGAT help streamline meetings of the various Boards and Commissions of the city. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Nwaohuocha reported regarding going live on cable tv and that he had spoken with the Board of Education Chairwoman, Sue Glennon.

VI. Chairman's Report

Chairwoman Flannery reiterated the grant had been filed. She also reported she met with the mayor regarding the MGAT proposed budget for FY21-22. She stated with COVID, it is likely there could be a surplus of funds, but it was too earlier to make that determination. She stated she would be presenting the budget before the Board of Finance and Board of Aldermen. She also reported she asked the mayor about

nominations for this committee. Chairwoman Flannery explained they are mayoral appointments. She stated if anyone knows of someone who might like to be on this committee to have them forward their resume to the Mayor for consideration. A brief discussion ensued.

VII. Unfinished Business

None.

VIII. New Business

a) Broadcasting Zoom meetings – Chairwoman Flannery reported each of the Boards and/or Commissions send their recording files to Ms. Cirillo who uploads the file to UTube and then it goes onto the channel(s). A brief discussion ensued regarding broadcast streaming.

Mr. Nwaohuocha reported he set up and upgraded the studio, so they are ready when things return to some type of normal. Discussion resumed.

b) Programming Schedule – Chairwoman Flannery reported this year's Memorial Day parade/event may be like last year. A brief discussion ensued.

c) Meeting Schedule for 2021

Ms. Phelps and Mr. Weinstein made and seconded a motion to approve the MGAT meeting schedule for 2021.

Chairwoman Flannery stated the committee meets the 4th Tuesday of the month, except for August and December when they meet a week earlier. A brief discussion ensued.

Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Adjournment

Being no further business to discuss, Mr. Weinstein and Ms. Phelps made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary