

MILFORD GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION COMMITTEE (MGAT)

REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 26, 2016

The Milford Government Access Television Committee (MGAT) held its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in the Board of Education meeting room in the Parsons Complex. Chairman May called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Committee Members Present Also Present

Albert May, Chairman
Barbara Genovese
David Casey
Matt Gaynor
Kara Flannery

Arney Rogoff, Line Producer

Consideration of Minutes of November 25, 2015

Mr. Casey made and Mr. Gaynor seconded a motion to approve the minutes with two changes.

The two changes were:

1. Mr. Gaynor indicated he had been present at the November meeting.
2. Mr. Rogoff asked the following sentences be deleted, since it was unclear to what it was referencing. "Mr. Rogoff added that he would like to put something up in the background at city hall for each of the meetings held there. Discussion resumed."

The motion to approve with changes was passed unanimously.

Public Comment – none.

Treasurer's Report

As of 1/26/2016

GATA: \$13,445.86

City budget: \$0.00

Cablevision: \$39.44

Line Producer's Report – Mr. Rogoff reported he had recorded 14 meetings during the months of December and January, including three Board of Education budget workshops and a special public hearing on the proposed coastal resiliency plan. A copy of his report is attached.

Chairman's Report – Mr. May formally announced that, due to a change in his work schedule, he will be resigning as a member and chair of MGAT on February 15th. He also reported that he and Mr. Casey had met with the Mayor earlier in January to discuss MGAT's proposed 2016-17 budget. He stated that the Mayor had indicated he would recommending no increase in MGAT's production budget for the upcoming year, but would recommend an increase in the account used to pay for a recording secretary, which currently allows for coverage for no more than two meetings a year. He also reported that that he would be appearing before the Board of Finance to answer questions about MGAT's 2016-17 proposed budget on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in conference room B at the Parsons Complex. He invited any Committee members who wished to join him at this meeting to do so.

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Update: Board of Education 2016-2017 budget funding for MGAT.** Mr. May reported that he and Board Chair were unable to reach an agreement regarding this matter. Therefore, there would be no funding support for MGAT in the Board's 2016-17 budge
- b. **Update:Back-up coverage for line producer / training:** Ms. Flannery indicated that she had undergone one training session with Mr. Rogoff to meet this need.

The issue of how provide live coverage when Mr. Rogoff is not available still remains to be resolved.

- c. **Update: Fundraising:** Mr. Gaynor reported on a meeting he has with the owner of Costa Azzurra restaurant, potential site of a fundraiser for MGAT. He and Mr. May also reported that, despite repeated attempts, neither had been able to make contact with the audio-visual teachers at the two high schools to discuss the proposed fundraiser, which would involve encourage students to produce videos and compete for prizes.

New Business

- a. **Approval of 2016 meeting schedule:** The Committee agreed to continue its practice meeting on the last Tuesday of the month during 2016.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Board of Education meeting room or the Board of Education employees reading room (first floor) of the Parsons Complex.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert May
Acting Recording Secretary