

MGAT

MILFORD GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Regular Meeting
April 28, 2015

The Milford Government Access Television Committee (MGAT) held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 in Board of Education meeting room in the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman May called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Albert May, Chairman
Barbara Genovese
David Casey
Matt Gaynor

Also Present

Arney Rogoff

Excused: Joseph Federico

Consideration of Minutes of February 24, 2015 and March 24, 2015

Ms. Genovese and Mr. Gaynor made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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Public Comment – Chairman May introduced Kara Flannery who is a parent and Milford resident with a strong interest in media and keeping parent informed in the school system.

Ms. Flannery expressed her appreciation to the Committee and her interest to be a part of the Committee. Spoke about Discovery Video so parents could have the opportunity to watch at their convenience. She also stated she spoke at the BOA during public comment where she spoke about the importance of MGAT. She spoke about various ways of funding the budget.

Chairman May stated the contract with Discovery Video is up in May, but it would be worthwhile to see statistics.

Mr. Rogoff stated he would contact Discovery Video to see if the features being discussed would be viable for Milford. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Genovese spoke about possible cost savings.

Chairman May summed up that Mr. Rogoff would contact Discovery Video and bring information to the Committee next month.

Treasurer's Report - Ms. Genovese reported the current financials.

Line Producer's Report – Mr. Rogoff reported there were 11 meetings. He stated April has been very busy with BOA budget deliberations. He also reported he has had meetings with Board of Education's, Tom Dillon, with the possibility of filming other activities. He stated there have also been some public service announcements to buffer Board of Education meetings with. He also spoke of the Platt Tech activities. He spoke of the two criteria needed. He also stated he worked with a math teacher from Live Oaks who had interests on filming of teachers who are making presentations. He continued with his report which was distributed to the Committee members. He stated was proud to say that the Spelling Bee came to him to film the spelling bee. Regarding scheduling he spoke of a miscommunication with the Board of Education regarding a meeting on April 20, 2015. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Rogoff continued with his report. He stated they are now recording the Board of Education's regular meeting and Committee of the Whole meetings.

Ms. Genovese commented when there is a conflict with a meeting date, the Board of Aldermen meeting would take precedence.

Mr. Rogoff concluded his report stating he has received positive feedback regarding their programming. He also reported a minor power outage at last night's Board of Aldermen budget meeting.

Chairman's Report - Chairman May reported he attended the BOA budget deliberations meeting last night for MGAT's budget. He stated there were a lot of positive comments from the aldermen. He state the message he wanted to get across to the aldermen was additional funding for MGAT. He also stated they are trying to recruit people for the Cable Advisory Committee. He stated he could still use a member from this Committee as well to serve on the Cable Advisory Committee.

Mr. Casey asked the jurisdiction of the Cable Advisory Committee.

Chairman May stated it is Milford, Orange, Woodbridge, Fairfield, Stratford.

Unfinished Business

a) **Fundraising ideas** – Chairman May stated he has not had a chance to obtain more information from the City Attorney regarding what is permissible for this Committee. He stated he would like the City Attorney to attend the meeting next month.

Mr. Gaynor suggested doing something at the Costa Azzurra. He stated MGAT is the go to for parents.

Ms. Flannery added with a good speaker it was possible parents might attend.

Mr. Gaynor suggested a competition with the high school student who are interested in broadcasting, possibly giving an award. Discussion ensued.

b) Frontier issues – Chairman May stated that came up last night from the aldermen. He stated he spoke to someone in the New Haven office who provided him with a name to contact.

New Business

Mr. Casey stated he was asked a question as to when they could see a particular meeting on TV. He asked if there is a schedule.

Mr. Rogoff stated they do not have a set schedule. He stated because meetings can vary in length, it is difficult to provide a set schedule.

Mr. Casey asked if it was possible for this Committee to make it happen in having a set meeting schedule.

Chairman May stated it was something he discussed with the editor of the Milford Mirror.

Mr. Rogoff stated right now it just couldn't happen due to getting technology, timing, etc. He spoke of a community calendar that would list activities.

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 8:51 p.m.

The next meeting of the Milford Government Access Committee will take place on May 26, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary