

Metuchen Cable/Technology Committee
Minutes
Thursday, July 26, 2012

Ira Grubman
Kenneth Kim
Dave Lanton**
Jim Lloyd

Michael Scheller
Chris Thumann
Beatrice Moskowitz -
Ron Grayzel -council liaison

--The meeting was called to order by chairperson Beatrice Moskowitz 8:10 pm with the open Public Meetings Act Statement and a request to accept the May minutes. Jim Lloyd made the motion with a second from Ken Kim.

--Beatrice briefly reminded the committee of the ongoing attempt to reach Stacey, Lazarus, Metuchen's Cablevision representative stating that Michael Scheller did, in fact, make contact. Initially, she did not wish to answer questions because she "wasn't sure who he was," but when reminded that Michael had returned her orphaned phone, she was more responsive. However, she indicated that a new representative, Anne McDonald, was not responsible for our community and that she would call Ann to reach out to Michael. His original questions centered on broadcast quality, wireless "hotspot" in Boro Hall, Pikos in expansion, related equipment and how we can incorporate MSG varsity programs. Ms. McDonald did reach Michael, but seemed only interested in starting traffic light security programs for us. She did not give Michael a phone number and said she would get back to him. As of the meeting date, he had not heard any further information. During the discussion, Chris found a number that seemed correct and gave it to Michael who said he would follow up.

--The next item on the agenda related to our beginning interest in having the schools incorporate the station and its wealth of information into strong programs for the students. Chris told us that because of the very severe weather, Rick Cohen, Metuchen's program director, could not attend this month, but would come to our next meeting. Chris indicated that a new guidance coordinator was being hired and that both he and Chris believed that our burgeoning discussion would be best served by everyone's presence. We agreed and asked Chris to let us know who was hired and, the, provide the new staff person with our recent thoughts.

--Councilman Grayzel was asked about the Mayor/Council plans regarding the server and the report our committee had concluded during the 2011-2012 season. Mr. Grayzel was forthright in informing us of the difficulty we faced in "training" staff members to become more technologically literate and assist with updates and

information distribution. He was surprised to hear of the report's outcome and the reasons for not using our data appropriately and said he would continue to look into the situation and provide updates regularly to insure that Metuchen's residents are best served.

--Beatrice spoke briefly about the Country Fair as the traditional data gathering date. She indicated that we would still use the web site, etc. but, that speaking with the residents was always successful. She asked the members to put the date into their books and decide on times they could come and "work the booth." The theme this year is gardens.

--There were no complaints in the Cable/Technology mail slot.

--We briefly discussed and then decided not to meet in August.

--The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

**Mr. Lanton as expressed interest in becoming a member of our committee and he has extensive familiarity with programing, technology, et. al.