

Metuchen TV/Technology Committee Minutes
Thursday, February 27, 2014

Beatrice Moskowitz – Chairperson Mike Guarino - Secretary Ron Grayzel –Council Liaison
Dave Lanton Ira Grubman Frank Weichmann Ken Kim Don Yerger

Administrative

-The meeting was called to order by Mike at 8:10, who asked o review and accept the previously circulated December Minutes. Ken made the motion with a second by Frank;

-Mike advised the Committee that there were no complaints received by the Committee.

On-going/New Matters

Cablevision/Refranchise Issues:

-Beatrice than confirmed that she heard back from Don Viapree regarding our request to meet to initiate informal negotiations regarding the Franchise renewal. We had requested to meet on the night of our regular meeting in March, but since cannot meet on Thursdays, we would suggest Monday 3/24;

- She also noted that she spoke to Rich DeSimone, Station Manager for METV, who listed their key equipment needs to include a switcher, new monitor interface equipment and a new character generator in order to make METV HD capable (total estimate \$45K); Mike will incorporate these in the Request List;

-other issues for such discussions included the ability to expand Metuchen's municipal WiFi capabilities;

- the number of drops in each school and the need for equipment to expand their ability to broadcast live events from the various schools;

- a 10% senior citizen discount on some Cablevision fees and the bolding of any changes in their Fee Schedules. All agreed these points would be worth pursuing. Ron suggested that we send our list to Don ahead of time to review, which all agreed was appropriate ;

-Beatrice also noted it may be worth exploring the possibility of contacting Edison to see where they are in their process to see about working with them in dealing with Cablevision or other providers.

-Mike also asked Ken for an update re report on Fair Survey and related Website efforts;, which he indicated should be ready for the next meeting, so the results could be incorporated into a report to the Borough Council;

Municipal Website/METV:

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-Frank inquired about the status of the questions regarding the posting process he had forwarded for consideration by *City Connections* in relation to renewal of Metuchen's contract with to maintain site, which is due in February 2014. Ron indicated he would follow up with Bill Boerth;

There being no further business, it was noted that the next meeting was re-s scheduled due to the holidays and will tentatively be held on March 24, 2014; the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

M. Guarino 3/20/14