

Metuchen TV/Technology Committee Minutes
Minutes of October 26, 2021 meeting

Jennifer Zimmerman, Chairperson;
Jack Mori Henry Chang

Mike Guarino, Secretary
Daryl Richardson

Jason Delia, Council Liaison
Michael Rappaport

Administration

-The meeting was called to order by Jen around 8:07pm.; it was first noted that the Committee continues to meet virtually due to the Pandemic conditions;

- Mike then noted he had previously circulated the August Minutes for approval, he then moved to approve the Minutes, which was then seconded and the Minutes approved.

-Mike then asked Jason to confirm if there any complaints or other correspondence received in Borough Hall and he confirmed there were none.

On-Going Matters

-Beatrice advised the Committee that she contacted Rich DeSimone (former METV Station Manager), who remains active with the Jersey Access Group (JAG) regarding current efforts by other member municipalities in dealing with Altice's inadequate services. She noted that Rich indicated the consensus of the that group is that Altice is likely to seek a state-wide franchise at some point, which would eliminate Each town's ability to renegotiate current franchise agreements individually. Beatrice then suggested that we may want to propose to have Metuchen join JAG (only \$250/yr.) to participate in these discussions and be aware of new developments. Jason was going to propose this to the Mayor and Council for consideration.

-Henry and Daryl updated the Committee on efforts in establishing our Facebook page. Henry advised he will be emailing 3-4 proposed versions of our logo for the members to vote on. Jen requested that all members email their selection to Henry within the next 1-2 weeks so we can have a final decision at the net meeting.

-Jen then suggested she will contact Daryl and Henry to discuss possible topics to suggest to the Committee for the initial launch of the Page, suggesting to focus on such issues as the role of this Committee and the status of the BPU as the state entity that oversees all cable providers. All agreed those were good starting off points. Jen proposed that we look to launch the Page in early 1Q22 and all concurred.

There being no further business, it was discussed and agreed to confirm our next meeting in August and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 pm.

M. Guarino 10/21