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Present: Mary Krumsiek; Richard Carew; Roger Desrosiers; Paul DiCicco; Robert Sullivan; Public Access Director Kevin Krassopoulos

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MILLBURY, MASS

Absent: Jeffrey Dore, Frank Irr, Lori Burrows-Associate Member

Meeting called to order by Chairman Krumsiek at 7:20 p.m.

GOVERNMENT MEETING COPY POLICY

Kevin received a request for copies of 22 Planning Board meetings. Mary feels we should put a price tag on these. Roger feels that VOD might help us in the future. Kevin said meetings are from 2007 and he could record 1 or 2 without cost; anything in excess is a \$10.00 fee per disk. Bob said he would like it much more than \$10.00. He wants at least \$20 per hour – Kevin's time is valuable. Roger stated we are here to set policy for anything that comes forward, and we should leave it to Kevin to determine what is fair and reasonable. Paul agreed with Roger and stated that we are a public access committee – we are servants of the public. Some things we don't like to do but we have to do. Kevin said all towns do it differently. Some have lower fee if person is providing own disc.

Paul made a recommendation that we leave it up to our Public Access Director to set up a reasonable fee, set per request depending on time it takes him to complete each request. Roger suggests that he tier the number of requests. 1 at no cost, 5 is \$10 each, 10 request is \$15 each. Anything above 20 is higher.

Roger agreed with Paul that it has to go before the Town Manager and maybe the Board of Selectmen. Bob said if the request is from a non-Millbury resident, before anybody acts on it, it should go to (Town Manager) Bob Spain. Bob said it should go through legal, and if Bob Spain says the answer is no it is no.

Paul said we have certain rules & regulations we live by from the state, but we should get it clarified regarding a non-resident making a request.

Rich said the fact that it is a non-Millbury resident doesn't bother him. If it is a legal matter it should go through a subpoena. We don't need to spend a lot of time as soon it will be more readily available. A majority of the board agrees that the requestor should be required to get a subpoena. Roger said resident vs. non-resident is not as important as the request (for copies of 20 meetings.).

Kevin will write up a policy for the PACTVAC to review. Rich says it should be fair compensation. Roger said that because the Planning Board gave the person Kevin's telephone number, it seems like they are approving the copies. Kevin will bring it to the committee in September. Kevin told the person that the copy was free, then found out it was for 22 meetings; he has already made the copies.

DIRECTORS REPORT

A student requested and signed out equipment to videotape the Junior High play rehearsal. At 9:30 p.m. everyone was gone, and the equipment was not returned; the camera, tripod and cable were just sitting out in the open in the back of the auditorium. The next day nobody came by the studio to explain. Later in day, the students came in as

if nothing had happened. Kevin told them they are not allowed in the studio anymore. Kevin said the problem is someone borrowed something from him and did not return it. One of the students asked "who purchased the equipment?" Kevin said it is irrelevant. Student said if it is taxpayer money then we can use it anytime. The music teacher was nearby and overheard the conversation, and said "by that theory you can take a fire truck and drive it all over town". The student then understood the issue.

Roger said that Kevin made his point and handled it appropriately; for the next school year, deal with it as the year comes along. Bob suggested that the policy be enforced to the nth degree. Roger added that if someone is signing out equipment, the adult (in this case the drama teacher) needs to be signing as well. Paul would like the wording "you must respect the rules" on the sign out form. Bob said the students must know that they are being responsible for it. Kevin said over past 2 or 3 years it has been a lot better around here.

LIVE ELECTION RESULTS

Typically, the Town Clerk reads the results by precinct for every candidate. For this election the Town Clerk read just the totals, which Kevin preferred as he tapes it live and rebroadcasts. As it is running, Kevin makes cable slides with the results as read. Town Meeting was live, and the next Town Meeting in June will be live. Discussion about how people just show up for their issue then leave. However, showing the meeting live helps the elderly who cannot get out of the house to attend the meeting.

STUDIO/LOCATION SHOOTS

Over the past month, there were 12 studio and location shoots. Of the 6 government meetings, 4 were at the Public Library and all the equipment had to be brought to the library then returned to the studio.

Kevin has been trying to get the new cameras for the large conference room at the Municipal Office Building. He has experienced multiple delays and received misinformation from the company. If he is unsuccessful with the company on the state bid list, he will put together a bid with Finance Director Brian Turbitt.

On another note, the owner of Kurlan Music passed away. We did a lot of business with him; he always had the best price and bent over backwards to help.

GRADUATION

Frank Irr and Kevin, the graduation team, along with Frank's daughter and a friend will tape the June 7th graduation at Mechanics Hall. The day before is the Academic Awards here at the High School, which Kevin tapes each year. Kevin is involved in a lot of events here at the school; he has a very good relationship with the school.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Access Funding – Thursday after the election there was a joint School Committee, Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen meeting. A member of audience suggested that Public Access help with the (fiscal year 2014 budget) deficit. Mary said our goal is to get a new studio. Kevin has put together the list of what the committee needs.

Kevin was assured that nothing outside of public access will be paid for with that money.

Roger said historically we have always insisted that the schools be a primary beneficiary of everything that we have been granted. We are looking at a tremendous amount of money to bring us to state-of-the-art. Roger said the key is there might be considerations in regards to the school, as long as they are directly related to the studio. Kevin said when the video production class needs something, we get it for them. Without question we have provided for them. But if it does not fit the criteria, you cannot use the money for that, and this committee understands this. As an example, the Town Planner is getting grants for Woolie World and she cannot use that money for anything else.

MUSIC LIBRARY

As was discussed last month, you can purchase CDs or a subscription online to music library companies. It is copyright-free music; can use it as many times as you want. I brought this up because it happened in Westboro, and it could happen here. Someone in Westboro saw the music program, called the studio and asked if they had permission to use the music. They did not.

Kevin said he is responsible for the shows that he produces. When we start VOD, it is open to many more people hearing it. You can purchase 100 CDs for \$65 and you have it forever. They range in price, depending on the company, and most are online subscriptions. Kevin got a quote of \$500 for a 3 year subscription. To get a license for a station so we can use copyright music is not cost effective (\$5000-\$10,000 per year). We are not covered under Charter's and Verizon's license. In his video production class there is a section on copyright issues.

Rich suggested purchasing one library. Kevin will inform the people that come in about that; he is not sure if there are different rules for students. For High school plays, if they do not pay for the rights to broadcast or rebroadcast the play, we cannot broadcast it. Roger asked about Local Rock – what about music that the cover bands play? Kevin said this needs to be discussed with their producer; Mary thinks they must have their own coverage on it. Rich asked if the responsibility is on Kevin or the producer of the show. Bob asked if there was a local band in town who just wanted to put something on public access, and we can't deny them the right to, then how would Kevin be responsible? Roger said Kevin's responsibility is the way in which he edits; we probably need to have a decision on it.

Kevin said there is an attorney that specializes in local access, however, he is not the town's attorney. The first phone call for a brief question may be free, but anything after that would cost money. Roger said when this began in the 1980s there was a state organization that was a filter for all of these kind of issues. Kevin said there is Mass Access and the Alliance for Community Media; there may be a membership fee involved. Roger said we should maybe become a member and we should look into this.

Bob suggested bringing this to the attention of the Town Manager; any legal action brought against community access would be brought against the town. Kevin will report back in September.

Motion made by Roger Desrosiers, seconded by Richard Carew to allow Kevin to purchase a quality library (40-50 discs), and if a one year subscription gives you the quality type music that you need, go with that as opposed to a 3 year subscription, if not go with a 3 year. **Motion** carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Playback system upgrade - No progress – tabled.

Scholarship – Kevin spoke with the Town Manager, and he is okay with the committee doing it this year but does not want to make a habit of it. Bob Sullivan thinks this person truly deserves to get this scholarship and considers this a “carrot”. Mary and Kevin said nobody applied for it since 2008. Roger asked about the spending of grant money – does this have something to do with TV production; Kevin said yes.

Motion made by Bob Sullivan, seconded by Roger Desrosiers to give a scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to the graduating student who applied for it this year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire truck camera – Joyce will send a letter to the Fire Chief asking when the committee can see the equipment, and when the committee can set up training sessions.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Richard Carew, seconded by Bob Sullivan to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2013 meeting. **Motion** carried unanimously.

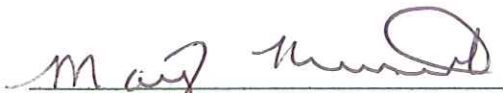
ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Bob Sullivan, seconded by Richard Carew to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Sampson



Mary Krumsiek, Chairman



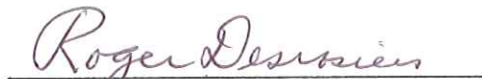
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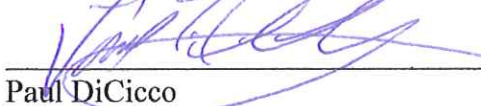
Robert Sullivan, Clerk



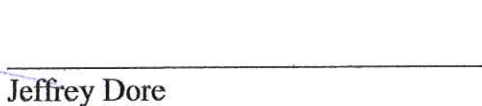
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