

MILLBURY PUBLIC ACCESS/CABLE TV COMMISSION MINUTES

Public Access Studio – Millbury High School – 12 Martin Street

Thursday September 17, 2015 – 7:15 p.m.

Present: Chairman Mary Krumsiek; Joseph Coggans, Paul DiCicco; Roger Desrosiers; Jeffrey Dore; Robert Sullivan; Associate Member Michael Lawton; Public Access Director Kevin Krassopoulos

Absent: Richard Carew

Chairman Krumsiek opened the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

REORGANIZATION

Public Access Director Kevin Krassopoulos took nominations for chairman.

Paul DiCicco nominated himself for chairman, seconded by Jeff Dore. Discussion ensued.

Bob Sullivan nominated Mary Krumsiek for chairman.

Roll call vote: Joseph Coggans – Paul DiCicco
 Jeffrey Dore – Paul DiCicco
 Mary Krumsiek – Mary Krumsiek
 Robert Sullivan – Mary Krumsiek
 Roger Desrosiers – Paul DiCicco
 Paul DiCicco – Paul DiCicco

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TOWN CLERK

Chairman Paul DiCicco asked for nominations for vice chairman, and nominated Mary Krumsiek; Ms. Krumsiek refused the nomination.

Jeff Dore nominated Roger Desrosiers for vice chairman; as Mr. Desrosiers stated that he preferred to not be nominated, it was seconded by Paul DiCicco.

Joe Coggans nominated Jeff Dore for vice chairman; Mr. Dore declined.

Mary Krumsiek nominated Joe Coggans for vice chairman; Mr. Coggans accepted the nomination.

Paul DiCicco nominated Bob Sullivan for vice chairman; Mr. Sullivan declined.

Motion made by Joe Coggans that the secretary submit one ballot for the office of vice president (corrected by Jeff Dore to vice *chairman*), seconded by Paul DiCicco, who was told he could not second the motion because he is the chairman. Motion seconded by Mary Krumsiek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Krumsiek nominated Bob Sullivan for clerk; Mr. Sullivan refused.

Joe Coggans nominated Roger Desrosiers for clerk; Mr. Desrosiers declined.

Joe Coggans nominated Jeff Dore for clerk; Mr. Dore declined.

Mary Krumsiek nominated Richard Carew for clerk. Nomination passed 5-1; Mr. Sullivan voted no on general principle, stating that someone should be present to be nominated.

Chairman DiCicco thanked everyone for their vote, and thanked Mary Krumsiek for the great job that she did as chairman.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

High School Media Center - new remote controlled cameras and system including a patch panel was installed in August. We still wheel a cart in, but the cameras are mounted to the wall.

Kevin also researched having the same system installed in the auditorium; this can be done and will be looked into for next year. Cost was \$46,000 all-inclusive.

Production Class – a class was conducted over the summer with 2 students. It was the standard 6 week class and ended in July; neither student has come back yet to produce a show. He is planning another class as he already has 2 people interested.

Fly Pack – this is a portable video system to be used at places that are not currently wired such as the Asa Waters Mansion, the Senior Center, the Fire Department, and the Public Library. It will be two remote controlled cameras that are tripod mountable, 50 feet of cable (from the center), and wireless tabletop microphones.

Police Dept. Junior Academy – Lt. Desorcy, who is now Chief Desorcy, borrowed video cameras and taped the daily activities. Kevin edited it down to about 26 minutes, and the footage was shown at the graduation and a copy was made for each student. Chairman DiCicco attended the graduation and thought Chief Desorcy did a great job and hopes it continues every year.

Future Plans – conduct a production class soon. He will do one for any number of people. Mr. Sullivan asked if there is still a high school class; Kevin said there is a Video Production class for seniors only; it is one period a day and they do the mid-day announcements. There is no Cable Club or Cable Club Advisor. Mr. Sullivan asked if Kevin could speak with the superintendent about getting the freshmen and sophomores in the program so when they are juniors and seniors we have a feeder system and the studio will have 5 or 6 people to help. Kevin hopes that Public Access will be moving from this location; he would then hire someone who would report to him to run the education access and stay at this studio, and also be a coordinator for the Cable Club. Kevin works each year with Tom Reilly's journalism class; he tells them about public access and the mainstream news media.

Mr. Desrosiers asked Mike Lawton, the new associate member, if Marlborough has something similar. Mr. Lawton said Marlborough is set up a little bit differently; government and public access are together, and education comes out of the high school and is run by a teacher. There is no coordination between the two. It is a high school channel, not an educational channel. Mr. Desrosiers asked if he thought it would be good to get the younger students involved; Mr. Lawton said yes it is a good way to develop a feeder system.

Playback System Upgrade – we currently do not have the ability to do Video on Demand. Kevin has looked at two systems and it is a substantial upgrade, and quite costly, with a yearly fee. Ballpark figure is \$25,000 to \$60,000 with an annual fee of \$3000. Kevin said Grafton, Sutton, and Westborough all offer it – they are streaming on the web and offer Video on Demand. You can watch shows from last year by accessing it from the website. For us it is a substantial upgrade. The system we use now was gifted to us from Verizon when they came in to town. It has been rebuilt once, and Kevin had to clean it once. Technology has far surpassed this system. The replacement systems he is looking at are upgradable.

We are having a website built: www.millburypublicaccess.com.

Mr. Sullivan asked if Kevin sees something coming that will affect the amount of money that we get; he recently discovered video streaming. Kevin had spoken to Charter about this; their channel, Charter TV3, which you can only get as a Charter subscriber, is on their website. Kevin

wonders if the next round of negotiations, with both Charter and Verizon, will include a portion of internet sales.

Motion made by Roger Desrosiers, seconded by Mary Krumsiek to have Kevin continue to investigate and pursue the playback system upgrade.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Globecaster has been sold to a person who was previously employed by the company. Kevin discussed the upgrade of our Globecaster system with the new owner. They will be offering online tutorials for the features that we currently do not use, such as animation.

Chairman DiCicco asked about Charter complaint reports. Kevin emails them to the members when he receives them.

Mr. Desrosiers discussed the recent Charter outage and how he thought it was mismanaged. He feels this oversight committee should ask for a better explanation, for both clarification of the issue and credit for the time that the TV was not available for use. He did receive credit for 2 days because he called and asked for it. Chairman DiCicco asked that everyone make note of any complaints that they receive from neighbors for the next meeting. Ms. Krumsiek said there were numerous complaints on Facebook.

PREVIOUS MINUTES Meeting minutes were signed by all the members.

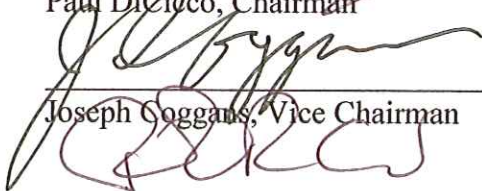
ADJOURNMENT **Motion** made by Joe Coggans, seconded by Mary Krumsiek to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Sampson




Paul DiCicco, Chairman



Joseph Coggans, Vice Chairman

Richard Carew, Clerk



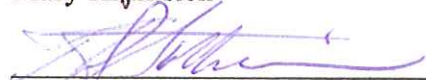
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