

MILLBURY PUBLIC ACCESS/CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Public Access Studio – Millbury High School – 12 Martin Street

Thursday October 18, 2012 – 7:15 p.m.

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Present: Mary Krumsiek; Richard Carew; Roger Desrosiers; Paul DiCiccio; Jeff Dore; Public Access Director Kevin Krassopoulos

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Absent: Frank Irr; Robert Sullivan; Lori Burrows-Associate Member

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

GUEST PRESENTATION - John Cunha, Video Production Teacher

This is the second year for Mr. Cunha; he has made a lot of changes. The TV show is improved; it runs during period 5 (lunch) Tuesday-Friday; Monday is a preparation day. It is news and taped announcements – club activities, current sports events. They try to include names; who scored a goal, the Environmental Council went to an event, etc. They show photos at the end. They are working with the Millbury Daily Voice which allows them to use some of their photos. hsphoto@millburyschools.org. Every quarter the students, single or in a group of 2, have to tape a town or school related outside event; preference is school events to showcase students. These are shown on TV (channel 12) at 10:59 a.m. and 11:28 a.m. and replayed at 9 p.m. so student can show family members. Majority of sports coverage is on Friday, with a semi-spoof on Sports Center shows. Mr. Cunha said he reminds the students that seniors are only 25% and to remember to include names of other classes.

There are 17 students this year and everyone has to know how to run the back room and how to edit, but no student is forced to go on air. Roger asked Mr. Cunha if he had any interest in doing a Cable Club, but he thinks he would not be able to do it due to time constraints. Roger asked about a stipend; Kevin said the problem is the number of hours involved and nobody has that time available. Jeff stated it would be an advisory type of position. Rich said with today's media, you need to think about the internet, and getting your product to the internet. Mr. Cunha is trying to get interaction via twitter.

Mr. Cunha spoke with the Principal to see if he can get juniors involved for next year. Roger asked if they are mentioning the bicentennial; Mr. Cunha said they will start to do that. Jeff mentioned the upcoming film festival. Mr. Cunha appreciates all the (Public Access) committee helps them with – equipment etc. This year one camera is checked out almost every day. Mr. Cunha left at 7:50 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Government Meeting Policy: Kevin spoke with the Town Manager; the Committee comes up with the policy, the Manager will review it and make any changes, it goes back to the Committee then goes to the Board of Selectmen.

DVD copies: Grafton charges \$25, Northbridge charges \$10 but resident supplies the DVD. The Committee can set our own rules. Kevin has made copies of graduation and sold them for \$10 and deposited the money with the Town. Roger asked if the money could then be used to purchase the DVDs. Jeff said it's simply a duplication of an existing show. Rich asked if \$25 is reasonable considering the time involved. Kevin said

\$25 would cover it; he purchases a spindle of 100 DVDs for \$30 and buys labels in bulk. We may want to run the policy of DVD copies by legal.

Sign-Out Form: Need to ask Town Manager his legal advice on the sign-out form.

Students who sign are under age so it is not really binding. Kevin said there is a lawyer who deals specifically with local access; he is not one of the town's attorneys so we may not be able to use him. We also spoke of making a 501c; there are towns that do this and the cable companies pay the non-profit.

Missing Camera: Rick Bedard ordered the new replacement camera, which Kevin has with an extra battery and camera case. It monetarily matches what was missing. Mr. Bedard made sure Kevin was satisfied with the camera; Kevin said his relationship with the school is great.

Capital Projects: Kevin learned at the Town Manager's Department Head meeting that the town now has a Financial Planning Committee. He needs to know if there any capital projects that this committee wants to include; Kevin thinks we do not need anything.

Miscellaneous: Paul suggested they invite the School Committee to visit the studio to show them what goes on; Roger said that should be coming from Jon Cunha. Kevin will speak with Jon.

Fire Truck Camera: Discussion about invoice; Kevin will speak with Finance Director.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Jeff Dore, seconded by Paul DiCicco to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2012 meeting. **Motion** carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Paul DiCicco, seconded by Roger Desrosiers to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Sampson, Secretary



Mary Krushsiek, Chairman



Frank Irr, Vice Chairman

Robert Sullivan, Clerk


Richard Carew


Paul DiCicco


Roger Desrosiers


Jeff Dore