

STURBRIDGE CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF 8/5/14

John Clancey called the meeting of the Cable Advisory Committee to order at 4:30p.m. The following members were also present: Bruce Butcher, Steve Greenberg, Steve Tieri and Don Fairbrother joined us (Kadion Phillips and Jeff Bonja were unable to attend).

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES John Clancy made a motion to accept the minutes of 6/17/14. Steve Greenberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

PRODUCTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- Town Survey - It will be a big job entering all of the information in.
- We will need to contact Charter regarding changing to Comcast, especially during our contract negotiation. This could generate a public hearing regarding contract negotiation priorities. The town would conduct a hearing in September 2014.
- The new camera operator Anya Parsons has been training and working and she's doing well. We'll need to add at least one more camera person for the fall.
- We've been recording the "Concerts on the Common" series on Thursday's and are playing them back on channel 12.
- Two residents associated with the library came to me for camera and editing training. Bruce trained them to use a camcorder. They shot some footage and edited with Steve while Bruce was away.
- Steve and Bruce began shooting the second season of "Second Chance Animal Shelter." We've got three new shows recorded. The shows are instructional programs about pets for pet owners. They will play on channel 12.
- Bruce continues to record programs at WESO Radio, and as always, Bruce is looking for more interesting programming.
- Planning a studio set-up at the Senior Center. Bruce measured the space he'd like to use, located the electrical outlets and has outlined the equipment he'll need.

ORIGINAL PROGRAMMING ON SCTV

Weekly Drive-In Movie; Sat. 8pm
Gourmet Grannies series
Senior Center Seminars/Events
Second Chance Animal Shelter series
WESO Various guest programs:
WESO Bob Briere Sturbridge History series
WESO Politics as Usual series
WESO Know the Law with Thomas Marino series

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- Bruce provided a Local Access budget breakdown for June and August:

Local Access as of 6/30/2014

Cash: \$126,907.28

Bills to be paid: \$1,187.93

Grant Revenue: \$83,640.24

Salaries: \$50,648.96

Supplies/Exp: \$18,974.46

Local Access as of 8/7/2014

Cash: \$120,576.24

Grant Revenue: -

Salaries: \$4,726.20

Supplies/Exp: \$416.91

DISCUSSION ON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE MAILINGS:

- The surveys are still trickling in. We will stop accepting them at the end of August.

DISCUSSION CONTACTING CHARTER ABOUT CONVERSATION TO COMCAST:

- We recommend that Shaun contact them regarding this situation. In the meantime, we will summarize the results and get that information to the Selectmen and have them conduct a public hearing and invite Charter and Comcast.

ADDING FREE INTERNET ACCESS AT THE LIBRARY:

- Part of the cable negotiation process in many towns includes free high-speed internet access to the Library. We will look into this for our Library because they are currently paying for it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There is no new business at this time.

The next meeting was scheduled for 4:30 p.m., September 9, 2014, in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall.

On a motion made by John Clancey, seconded by Steve Greenberg, and voted 4-0 the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.