

TCTV

Thursday, January 28, 2016, called to order at 7:51.
Kiwanis Room, Trumbull Library

Members present: Kate Donahue, Roy Fuchs, John Annick, Jackie Carlino, Loretta Chory, Vince Fini, Donna Girot, Susan Horton, Jim Lang, Shawn Tate (arrived at 8:10)

Minutes from December meeting approved with one revision – Donna Girot’s name added to those present.

Committee Membership: Jim Lang & John Annick reported on committee status. Both have met with The First Selectman on two occasions and they were informed that the committee will become an official commission of the town. In this capacity, a minimum of 5 members of the current committee will be named to the commission. As a commission, town employees can be asked to participate as resources. The First Selectman asked that the 5 members under consideration not be disclosed. Next steps will be a vote recommending the new structure, presumably by the L&A Committee of the Town Council on February 28th, and a vote of the full Town Council in March. Loretta pointed out that by charter, no person can serve on two commissions. (The next TCTV meeting is currently scheduled for March 10th). Kate commented that she will find a way to thank all current committee members in a formal way.

Policy Committee: Donna Girot reported that she has good direction and will be able to resume after appointments have been finalized.

Budget is in and Kate will distribute copies – it is an increase of approximately \$10K.

Programming: Donna Girot distributed a list of original programs. John commented on the great job Donna & Steve Coulter did on the first episode of “Ask the First Selectman”. Poetry In Us is scheduled for February 28th from 1:00 to 5:00 if committee members would like to help. Sue distributed schedule for library’s “One Book, One Town” programming. TCTV and the library have coordinated a podcasting program with CPTV educational director, scheduled for March 12th.

Technical: Town Council Chambers audio system continues to be a problem. Without individual microphones and audio savvy on the parts of the meeting participants, there is little more that can be done to improve sound until the system is replaced. It was suggested that we remind all committee members every meeting, and in writing. John will prepare something for committee chairs to read before each meeting. Presently, time consuming extra editing is required for town meetings to fix sound and eliminate audio of side conversations. The First Selectman did put dollars in the capital budget for the audio/video system for the Council Chambers. TCTV connectivity at THS was discussed. To broadcast live from auditorium, a fiber connection is needed at an approximate cost of \$85k. This would enable live broadcasts of things like graduations and be a wonderful asset for AV club members/those with career aspirations. Loretta will make concerns known to Board of Education.

Marketing/PR: Need to establish differences/responsibilities for each group. The Marketing Committee has met (January 19th) and brainstormed to establish a written list of ideas/priorities.

State delegation task force: Still working to get access to dollars from Charter and Frontier.

Miscellaneous:

- Donna has drafted a letter and will send regarding our input for Senior/Community Center planning. Donna will provide list of the year's programs for 2015.
- Alliance for Community Media asked Donna to host a meet & greet – possibly June? Donna is aware of a grant with library as a partner – she will discuss with Sue.

Charter Advisory – impending merger of Charter and Time Warner. Charter will have big cities – this is change from current. This could impact us quite a bit Jim reports. Anticipate faster internet speeds, lower cost to seniors – pricing & service options. Local Charter getting involved in community service projects.

501c3 status – Vince reports we need to set up a separate corporation for the status. We will wait until commission is formed and examine the dynamics of the commission since it may impact/improve funding situation. Jackie comments to be wary that any foundation support does not get allocate to operating funds.