Present: Board (Ron Rodjenski, Tim Chamberlin, Peter Wolf, Ted Lyman), Staff (Angelike Contis, Ruth Miller, Erin Wagg). Meeting called to order at 6.35pm.

Minutes - Peter makes a motion to approve minutes of 10/22/19. Seconded by Ted. Approved.

Review 2019 Financials – Production income and compensation both higher than planned due to work with nonprofits, with income for MMCTV. Financials reflect $20,000 ROS and $3,500 advertising from Comcast settlement as a liability, until we start using it. 2019 had few capital expenses, apart from a new camera and high camera repairs. Good progress with municipal and interest income, as we work to diversity. Comcast revenue was higher than expected; 2% drop from 2018. Advance in local fiber may result in fewer Comcast subscribers.

Approve 2020 Budget – MMCTV to add Interactive Program Guide (Gracenote), for $200/month. We are planning for an “optimistic” 5% Comcast revenue drop; other stations are planning on 10%. A potential move may lead to higher capital expenses; unsure if additional Comcast support available. Motion to approve 2020 Budget of $153,500 Operating and $12,800 Capital by Ted. Seconded by Peter. Passes.

Richmond Town Building Update – Depending on Richmond Selectboard decision, MMCTV may be able to move into Town Center in spring. We are requesting a 5 year (or longer) lease due to relocation costs. It will require studio floor/stage work. Comcast and WT drops look good.

Viewer Poll/New Online Services – We’ve had good initial feedback on 2020 Viewer Poll. Have almost 40 responses; would like 300+. Sharing poll link on Front Porch Forum, at 3 selectboard meetings, local papers/ads, website. Suggestions include putting content on Youtube and using multiple cameras/switchers (Ninja recorders?) for meeting coverage. We are looking for more feedback from selectboards on new Internet channel idea for 2020/2021.

2020 Production Goals – We welcome new producers. Should we aim to maintain our levels, produce more, or improve quality? Can we up our streaming game? We have re-introduced regular Richmond streamed meetings. Can try Jericho again. MMCTV will do Town Meeting live in Underhill (BRMS) and possibly Jericho (MMU).
Educational Update – MMCTV and Richmond Free Library will offer 3-day February break workshop again. Filled up quickly and there is interest for summer TV camps; we will set summer dates soon.

Other Business – Reviewed literature related to VAN efforts to obtain state funding; there will be statewide hearings on Feb. 10. We may send a person to Winooski location. VAN has a statewide HD channel that will launch next year. MMCTV will be supporting Action Circles work again. MMCTV is actively looking for videographers and a board member.

Motion to adjourn by Ted. Seconded by Peter. Adjourns at 7.40pm.