



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES TUES. NOV. 1, 2022**

In-person at MMCTV Studio, 203 Bridge St, Richmond

*Board present: Peter Wolf, Tim Chamberlin, Ron Rodjenski, Theodore Lyman*

*Staff present: Angelike Contis, Jim Hering, Ruth Miller, Erin Wagg*

*Other: Jay Furr and -briefly- Linda Parent*

***Ron calls to order at 6.35pm.***

**3rd Quarter Financials** – Not much of note, within budget. In context of expected declining/static cable revenue in places like Burlington/Mad River, our cable revenue still treading water. Municipal income reflects some of previous year. Angelike will check with accountants on items listed in donation & other income. Latter includes \$12,500 short-term funding from State.

Compensation line expected to go above budgeted, due to increase in field production, but we have flexibility due to increased funding.

How can MMCTV do more grant work and advertising/outreach?

MMCTV asks Linda (passing by door) about when our name will be on sign outside Town Center. She will look into it. Linda thanks group for Halloween Town Center/Library videos by volunteer Gregg Stevens. (7 projectors with skeletons/ghost).

Jay asks if we've considered ARPA funding for specific gear/capital needs on wish list. We are actively reaching out to new producers to ask what gear would be useful for them (eg. DSLR cameras, LED lights).

**Production Updates** Ruth is editing more meetings and series of meetings than ever. There are limits, but we have been able to process and program most requests. Staff discusses hybrid meeting workflow change, including less driving time/mileage and giving airtime to smaller virtually-recorded committees meetings (eg. ARPA, energy, conservation). MMUU may require in-person MMCTV field producer, due to audio issues, changing locations.

***Peter makes a motion to approve minutes of 7/18/22. Seconded by Ted. Passes unanimously.***

**State Funding/VAN updates** Angelike gives summary of projected cable revenue declines and VAN-wide effort to obtain short-time (3 year) and longer term Vermont funding, through

telecom tax restructuring. VAN is seeking political support and figuring out strategy, building on the state-funded [PEG Study](#) (Feb. 2021).

Ron suggests MMCTV hire development person and see if it reaps rewards. Perhaps this could be a shared position with another VAN center. Can any part-time roles become full-time by sharing?

Jay provides info on what is happening with regards to the building/Richmond's Town Center and Library Committee. MMCTV investments in fixed studio infrastructure are on hold till town makes decisions. We support idea of a state-of-the-art conference room multi-use space.

**Budget Planning & New Activities** – For next year's budget, we will focus on investing in what is working well and getting people involved, like educational and nonprofit work. Ron asks if doing similar work with commercial entities might be worthwhile; Angelike notes capacity limits.

**Enlisting New Board Members** – Despite attempts to recruit new people, MMCTV has been short of a fifth board member for a while, with board member terms renewing. Bylaws allow the board members to vote in an additional member if a position vacant. Ron plans to leave board in January, so we need 1-2 in near future. The work involved includes 4 meetings/year and occasional advocacy, volunteer time.

Jay reiterates his willingness to join MMCTV board and suggest, in calling for new members, the board consider recruiting a woman (there are none on board) and/or younger people.

***Ted makes a motion to nominate Jay Furr to the board of MMCTV. Peter seconds it. The board approves the motion.***

**Budget Planning & New Activities (ctd)** Board and staff discussion of next year's pay levels, in inflationary context. FY23 budget had a 5% pay increase. Ron suggests 6% in 2023, with the possibility of a mid-year adjustment (up). Angelike may organize some classes on Sunday afternoons at MMCTV. Will look into MMU After Dark adult classes.

**Low Power FM group & Other Business** A small group (organized by MMCTV) is still looking for an engineer to do a feasibility study for an antenna in our area ahead of FCC opening up applications for licenses soon. Could MMCTV take this on, as it redefines its role and in response to popularity of podcasting? Perhaps online option good starting place.

***Ted makes a motion to adjourn. Peter seconds it. Adjourn at 8pm.***