

| 📅 MMCTV meeting

*Mount Mansfield Community Television*



## Board Meeting

Date: 07-09-2024; called to order at 5.05pm

### Board Attendees:

Jay Furr ▾, Tim Chamberlin ▾, Theodore Lyman ▾

### Other Attendees:

Ruth ▾, Erin ▾, Angelike ▾

1. **Minutes** - Did not approve minutes at first, because no quorum till later.
2. **Review 2nd Qtr Financials** - Question regarding petty cash compared year to year from Jay. Comcast revenue declining for first time about 2-3%/year. However now we have new State revenue. The VAN funds will be distributed in a weighted formula, as bigger stations are also seeing a drop. It has been a big help at MMCTV in terms of extra hours of part-time staff and field producers.
3. **OTHER Business**- Haven't been able to meet with LPFM plan this summer yet but not yet spending (apart from pre-application engineering study/Prometheus Radio program). Many people continue to voice interest in project. Jay notes the interest at the selectboard meeting when first mentioned. Discussion of Mary Hill's new podcast (Underhill), as our first test case. Greg Wolf of Underhill (Youtube/Instagram former science teacher/hit) recently visited for mic advice.  
Jay encourages more Pay Pal recurring donations - we need to push that. We are getting free Ben & Jerry's ice cream for TV camp (Ruth's idea). Brief discussion of Crowdsourced Cinema VT theme to our camp.

Tim joins meeting so there is a quorum.

**Motion: To approve minutes of April 9, 2024**

From: Theodore Lyman ▾ Seconded: Tim Chamberlin ▾ Discussion: N/A Outcome: Passes

**Motion: To approve minutes of Special May 14, 2024 Meeting**

From: Tim Chamberlin ▾ Seconded: Gregg Stevens ▾ Discussion: N/A Outcome: Passes

**4. New Bank CD & Account** - Angelike & Jay set up and moved \$40,000 to new CD account at Northfield Savings, per board request. Maybe Northfield can sponsor our new 24/7 “bridge camera”; we should reach out in late 2024 for 2025.

**Motion to Open Money Market Account at Northfield Savings**

From: Theodore Lyman ▾ Seconded: Tim Chamberlin ▾ Discussion: N/A Outcome: Passes

**5. Summer Youth Programs:** We started first of two TV Camps, focused on scenes from Crowdsourced Cinema VT (*Home Alone* remake this year). Angelike shows some clips from the filming and discussion of challenges of making July look like Christmas, hair gel for actor playing Buzz (Tim’s nephew). Unfortunately, it flooded again for a day. We interviewed new K-9 Corporal Mathew Cohen & students filmed him and dog Duke. Campers vowed to film Duke (dog) on his birthday, March 5. Students are filming and editing a lot.

**4. Municipal/Production News:** Ruth notes municipal meeting coverage is down from the 33-40 meetings per month in July. Discussion of the new beamforming audio device to be tested in Jericho, which will solve issue of microphones and devices always moving around. Richmond audio still challenging, when there is input from back of room; Jay inquiries about Jericho system. Discussion of different styles when it comes to community comment i and related audio challenges/more editing time.

**5. Other Business** - WRUJ call number was approved very quickly by FCC for our LPFM Radio station. Angelike needs to do more work regarding the non-profit membership model (has run it by Community Senior Center.) MMU Graduation was a success; thank you to Tim for ehlping on that and TV camp work. Graduation crew included Angelike, Tim and two MMU students Verity and Derek. The students also did July 4 parade and Ruth did the fireworks. Angelike interviewed July 4 parade folks at start. Jay suggests change in parade lower third graphic, because covers the picture and is pixely.

**Motion to adjourn at 6pm**

From: Theodore Lyman ▾ Seconded: Tim Chamberlin ▾ Discussion: N/A Outcome: Passes

**Action items**

- Change July 4 Parade video lower third
- Work on Nonprofit Membership Program
- Convene LPFM group
- Open Northfield Bank account