

Berkley Cable TV Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2021

In attendance: Arlene Medeiros
Edward Dugan
Jilleen Solomon
Joseph Sousa

Call to order 6:19 pm

Treasurer's report – Reviewed and approved. Balance is \$301,144.24. After committed to items, \$260,568.24.

David Gauthier from Mass Access joined the meeting. President of Mass Access. Supports cable access stations across MA. Trying to pass legislation that would assess streaming services for money to be divided by the state to municipalities and community media centers. In the same way Comcast is assessed. Looking for co-sponsors and letters of support for the bill. We will consider writing a letter in support. Ask our local legislators to co-sign the bill if they are not already.

Negotiations status – tabled in Heather's absence.

Town Elections –
7:00 Meeting on Tuesday 4/13

Ed's Report

Access cards for town hall; tabled at BOS meeting

Bill will be doing his first live meeting on 4/7

Studio buildout – Most equipment for studio has come in. There are delays with Sony that postponed shipment of other equipment. Grid in ceiling almost done.

Final quote on studio lighting – (Ockers) \$52,653 equipment plus installation 5,500

Vote to accept final quote – All in favor

Tightrope software update – \$1,200 for software renewal program. Will automatically update our software going forward. Motion to approve, all in favor.

Security camera quote – New quote from Liberty Surveillance. Unable to reach Jeff Cody who provided previous quote. \$2446.90. Old quote was \$2447. Motion to approve, all in favor.

Adobe purchase – Ed is looking into a grant to help with the cost.

Purchase of a drone – Use for outdoor events, may attract younger people to the studio and use. Ed has a contact selling one and would get a deal. Cost is \$1,000. Motion to purchase, all in favor.

Young electric – completed except for doorbell. Waiting to hear back if they can provide the specialized doorbell we requested.

Letter for handicap parking spot. Needs to be signed by committee

Update on camera borrows – Policy/forms for people to complete and sign in order to borrow cameras. Suggestion made to speak with Heather to see if legal counsel needs to review.

Motion to review with Heather, all in favor.

Moving forward with new COA director. Ed has been having meetings with COA for producing a show. Cherise Hoak received grant for camera operators for a show.

Next regular meeting – 5/5/21 at 6:00 via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes by Jilleen Solomon

Approved May 5, 2021