

MVTV Board Meeting Minutes 9.7.21

MVTV Board Members Present: Rebecca Barca-Tinus, Wayne Greenwell, Anne Whiting, Ann Bassett, Richard Knabel, Helen Green, Peter Vincent, Geoffrey Parkhurst and John McCormick

MVTV Board Members Not Present: Richard Skidmore

Staff: Stephen Warriner

Recorder: Laura Martino

In Attendance: Leon Brathwaite

Opening

Anne Whiting called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Peter Vincent made a motion to accept the 6.2.21 MVTV Board Meeting Minutes. Ann Bassett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor with Rebecca Barca-Tinus and John McCormick abstaining.

Vote: 7 – In Favor, 0 – Against, 2 – Abstentions

Public Comment

Leon Brathwaite gave the MVTV Board an update about the current status of the town's negotiations with Comcast. The MVTV Board had a discussion about the update.

Executive Directors Report

Stephen Warriner spoke about the 2021 coverage of the MV Ag Fair, which was successful. Shavanae Anderson has taken over the job of director of operations and productions, Stephen is currently interviewing for a new programming and facilities coordinator. Stephen Warriner has an upcoming meeting with the attorney who is representing the towns with the Comcast negotiations. The MVTV Board had a discussion about hiring their own lawyer to represent MVTV in the Comcast negotiations.

Richard Knabel made a motion for Stephen Warriner to approach Attorney Authur Bergeron to see if he is willing to provide council for MVTV, and if not to suggest an attorney. Ann Bassett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Vote: 9 – In Favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstentions

Chairman's Report

Bill McGrath has resigned from the MVTV Board, Anne Whiting is currently working with the Town of Oak Bluffs to get a new representative. West Tisbury will be making their selection of representative on Sept. 8.

Re-organization of officers and committees

Peter Vincent made a motion to re-appoint all current officers up for reelection, with Richard Knabel as Treasurer. Ann Bassett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Vote: 9 – In Favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstentions

Ann Bassett made a motion to re-appoint the current personnel committee. Peter Vincent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Vote: 9 – In Favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstentions

Peter Vincent made a motion to re-appoint the current finance committee. Ann Bassett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Vote: 9 – In Favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstentions

Ann Bassett made a motion to re-appoint the current Governance Committee. Helen Green seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Vote: 9 – In Favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstentions

The MVTV Board had a discussion about keeping the Government Videographers on the current payroll. All Town government meetings are still being held via zoom, with MVTV recording the zoom meetings in house, with the MVTV staff placing the recordings online and on Ch. 15.

Ann Bassett made a motion to end payments in three pay periods to the MVTV Government Videographers. Helen Green seconded the motion. The vote was 9 in favor with Richard Knabel opposing.

Vote: 8 – In Favor, 1 – Against, 0 – Abstentions

MVTV will send out a letter of appreciation to the videographers and welcome them back to film when the BOS begin to meet in person again.

Old Business

Ann Bassett spoke about the residents of Windermere thanking MVTV for the coverage of the 2021 Ag. Fair

New Business

None.

Peter Vincent made a motion for adjournment at 2:43 p.m. Wayne Greenwell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Vote: 9 – In Favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstentions

The meeting closed at 2:43 p.m.