

FairTV
Fairfield Education and Government Public Access Television

Minutes of April 11 FairTV Committee
Sullivan Independence Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Kennelly at 7:40 pm. In attendance were members Alexis Harrison, Thomas Flynn and Mary Hogue, and FairTV System Manager Gerry Speno.

Gerry Speno reviewed his monthly report. As of March 31, there is a balance in the fund account of \$25,838. We are submitting a grant request to CAC A2 for \$15,000. It would be very desirable to obtain dedicated office space. However, the latter activity needs to await the appointment of members of the new Commission by the RTM.

The meeting minutes from the February 4 and March 11 meetings were approved without change.

Alexis Harrison had not been present for the March 11 meeting, where Jim Kennelly described a change in the strategy for our presentation to the RTM in April (see March 11 minutes for detail). Jim took a few minutes at this part of the meeting to summarize the revised strategy for Alexis.

Jim Kennelly then led a discussion of what changes, if any, needed to be made to the draft FairTV Commission document for approval and submission to the RTM. The one change agreed upon unanimously by all present was in the paragraph describing the number and selection process for members of the Commission. The final wording agreed upon was “Shall have five members nominated by unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen”. The Committee also agreed that once the Commission was established that it felt Gerry Speno should report to the Information Technology function rather than, as is true at present. The wording in the document needs to reflect this. Jim will make the appropriate changes to the draft and submit to Committee members for final approval before sending it to the RTM.

Finally, there was some discussion regarding under what conditions programs defined as Secondary Scheduling might be paid for by organizations as opposed to being funded out of the FairTV budget. Additional discussion may take place as time permits during the remainder of the present Committee’s tenure, but final decisions will likely await the naming of Commission members, assuming the RTM gives FairTV Commission status.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.