

TV79 Advisory Board Minutes

September 25, 2012

The meeting was called to order by temporary chair Marilyn Hart at 7:35 p.m.
In attendance: Jim Cameron, Gene Coyle, David Dever, Marilyn Hart.

Minutes were approved from the April 3, 2012 meeting.

Mr. Cameron updated the Board on the new pilot program "How to...", a series of 2-5 minute videos on how to do things in Darien (such as get a building permit). They will air in between programming and during the campaign season. The spots are being produced with funds from the Area 9 Cable Council.

Mr. Cameron also reminded the Board that during this campaign season, we will not feature any candidates other than in their regularly scheduled roles.

We will air live coverage of the League of Women Voters' Candidates Night October 23. Mr. Coyle raised the question of the last LWV event featuring Gov Molloy; he felt the Governor's remarks were very political and inappropriate for our coverage. Mr. Cameron has written to LWV President Gwen Morgenson advising her of Mr. Coyle's concerns and reminding her of our charge to be non-political.

Mr. Cameron reported that the summer internship program was again successful; also we are short of camera operators. We have not missed any meetings but we are actively looking for new people.

Mr. Dever reported that Room 119 is now wired for audio, with five permanent mics hung from the ceiling. We have obtained a large back up battery supply (U.P.S.) from the Darien Police Department, which will enable us to continue programming and offer live updates in the event of a power outage or town emergency. We have a new computer server which will allow us to vary our programming schedule. It should be up and running in 2-3 weeks. Area 9 increased our special programming funding to \$2,000, which will enable us to provide additional programming.

There is at least one Board vacancy; Ms. Hamlen will contact the RTC to ask that nominations be presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Coyle suggested coverage of the Veterans Day ceremony and the area Veterans luncheon in Norwalk. The next meeting will be scheduled by Ms. Hamlen sometime in November or December.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Hart