

TV 79 Advisory Board
Tuesday, March 23, 2010
Room 213 – Darien Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Lynn Hamlen.

All members of the Advisory Board were in attendance: Baker, Cameron, Coyle, Dever, Hamlen, Hart and Wheeler.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2009 meeting, seconded and approved.

Officers were nominated and approved, with Lynn Hamlen continuing as Chair.

A discussion ensued regarding programming policies, i.e., how we decide what to cover. As Program Director, Mr. Cameron explained there are general guidelines – the Board of Selectmen and RTM meetings are always covered. Coverage of other meetings depends on their agenda, TV 79 staff, TV 79 budget, what other meetings are happening at the same time and available facilities. TV79 can cover up to three meetings per night if staff is available. (Below is a copy of the email Mr. Cameron sends to camera operators each week. Once Mr. Cameron knows meeting schedules and camera operator availability, he can schedule programming.) Mr. Dever explained that we cover more meetings each week than surrounding communities' TV79's. The Board agreed it would be helpful to survey viewers and residents to find out what people are watching when. All Board members will draft questions to be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Dever updated the Board on equipment. We are waiting on final approval from the BOS for Room 119 to be camera ready; Room 213 is ready (this TV79 Advisory Council meeting was recorded as a test of the equipment there). Mr. Wheeler helped us secure a web site which will be tested in the next week or so, with the goal of being able to stream video from TV79 to viewers via the web.

Mr. Cameron reported that we will have an intern this summer from Elon University, who will be working for course credit.

Mr. Cameron also reported that we are halfway through the year and have spent less than half our budget for camera operators.

As this was a special meeting, there was no new business discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Hart

Mr. Cameron's email:

Folks...

Here's what's coming up this week. If you'd like to shoot, let me know:

TUESDAY 7:30 pm Room 206 Bd of Finance

WEDNESDAY 7:30 pm Room 206 Bd of S / Storm Review

THURS. 7:30 pm Room 206 Bd of Finance

**PS: We're sharing this shooting schedule with the TV79 Advisory Bd.
so they can see how we decide what to cover, when and where.**

PPS: Watch for a note from me in the coming days re: camera ops.

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