

Darien TV79 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Meeting was called to order by acting chair Jim Cameron at 7:30; a moment of silence was held for the Gene Coyle, Board member who recently passed away. Mr. Cameron then introduced Catherine Beckman, who has just joined the board, and stated that there is another spot open.

Nominations were taken for chair and secretary; Mike Wheeler was unanimously voted in as chair and Nancy Natale unanimously as secretary.

Mr. Cameron reported that we have used all of the Board of Selectman appointed funds (\$11,000) for the current fiscal year and some of the Area 9 Cable Council funds (\$5,000). We are providing more coverage and have added more staff.

Mr. Dever reported that we do not know the effect of the Altice takeover of Cablevision re the funds provided by A9CC. We have funds earmarked for a new server but are putting funds toward permanent cameras with updated audio in Room 119. Total cost would be \$22,000, with the money coming from previous BoS funding and A9CC appropriations.

Mr. Cameron and Mr. Dever will be meeting with Altice reps in September, along with other A9CC representatives.

Blue Wave TV is hoping to start up again as a viable channel. Mr. Cameron and Mr. Dever have offered assistance in getting re-started and with Board of Education funding.

We have completed the first phase of the audio update to the auditorium; second phase will begin soon with wireless mics.

Tripods and cameras will be updated with new grant money.

The next advisory board meeting will be October 11, 2016, location at Town Hall, location TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Hart
Acting Secretary