

WMNR Commission Meeting Minutes, 3 May 2016

Attendees:

Commission Attendees: Brian Quinn (BQ)- Chairman, Mike Massaro (MM), Fred Velardi (FV), Monica Brushett (MV), Mary McLaughlin (MMc)

Others: Kurt Anderson (KA)- station manager, Carol Babina (CB), John Babina (JB), Jane Stadler (JS)

1. Call to Order at 7:34 PM, BQ/FV.
2. Correspondence- None.
3. Approval of Minutes: Corrections to minutes from meeting on Feb. 9, 2016 as follows:  
Item 4b- change the word “new” to “potential”, and change “\$5000 for CBP grant” to “\$95,000 from the CBP grant.” Approved, revised minutes to be sent to Vita Stone by MM. Minutes passed with amendments FV/MM.
4. General Manager’s report (as per KA):
  - a. Current Status of WMNR- CB agreed to work part time until her replacement is trained. Interviewing for replacements to start July 1<sup>st</sup> (2 part timers). CB reported that April pledge drive numbers were slightly lower due to dropping the first Friday of the drive (noting that each pledge drive represents 1/9 of station income). It was also noted that Martin Blanco and Susan Prince are new broadcasters.
  - b. Proposed FY2017 Budget: 2016 fiscal year revenue- \$704,241, expenses- \$708,188. Difference of (\$3,947) much less than budgeted deficit of \$75,000, which was budgeted for one time equipment purchases.  
Proposed 2017: Projected Revenue: \$672,600  
Projected Expenses: \$747,600  
Deficit (as budgeted) \$75,000 – for equipment purchases  
Budget unanimously passed: FV/MMc.
  - c. W220CH West Hartford improvement: Increase in power has been approved but additional paperwork is required to submit to the FCC for final approval.
  - d. Accomplishments and Honors- Staff dinner is being planned for sometime in June.

5. Old Business:

a. WMNR Tower Guy Wires: Tower work process needs to be up to new codes before work can be done. This now requires a) certification that the soil and ground are stable (JB in process of finding qualified soil engineer for this, and b) some additional engineering studies. Once complete, the specifications for the guy wires can be determined.

6. New Business:

a. Mark Morton organized the sale of an old transmitter and with Mark and Brian's help the transmitter was recently removed from our Old Newtown Rd. site. BQ's assistance in moving the old transmitter to its new owner was formally acknowledged with thanks from KA.

7. Public Participation: None

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM, MM/FV.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Massaro, WMNR Commission