

WMNR Commission Meeting Minutes, 2 August, 2016  
Approved at the December 6, 2016 Meeting

Attendees:

Commission Attendees: Brian Quinn (BQ)-Acting Chairman, Fred Velardi (FV), Mary McLaughlin (MMc)

Others: Kurt Anderson (KA), Mark Morton (MM), Jane Stadler (JS), John Babina (JB), Carol Babina (CB)

1. Call to order: 7:47 PM (FV/MMC)

2. Correspondence: none

3. Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes of May 3, 2016 were approved and adopted. (FV/MMc) passed unanimously

4. General Manager's Report (as per KA):

a. Final Review of Fiscal Report for FY 2016:

We received \$8000 less income than projected; however, actual expenses were \$7800 less than projected. We end last year's budget in good fiscal condition. Fiscal report accepted. (FV/MMc) passed unanimously

b. Fine Arts Radio, Inc. and the IRS

Fine Arts Radio, Inc. is a supporting organization for private corporations or others who need to make a contribution to a 501c3 in accordance with the IRS letter. Fine Arts Radio, Inc. is a useful adjunct to WMNR and took in \$5,000 last year. Our regular contributors will continue to donate to WMNR (not Fine Arts Radio, Inc.), as usual.

c. New Audio Streaming, New Archived Audio, New Application:

KA and BQ demonstrated our new audio streaming and archived audio which saves previous programs for up to 7 days so our audience can now listen on demand. We have a one year contract (\$400 a month) with the streaming company. The mobile app works with both Android and iPhone.

d. New Underwriting Representative Position: Commission examined and approved job description for new underwriting representative. (MMc, FV)

e. W220CH, West Hartford Improvement:

Improvement in watts and transmitter discussed. We attract 55,000 listeners now. The upgrade gives us a potential increase of 40,000 new audience members.

f. Accomplishments/ Honors:

Community Volunteer Dinner scheduled for last Sunday in September.

5. Old Business

a. WMNR Tower Guy Wires-Professional engineers are starting structural studies on the tower and guy wires. Engineering codes have to be met. Multiple attempts will be made to see what antennas will allow us to meet the codes.

6. New Business

a. A fiber network is more robust than the Internet network for getting audio to other stations and streaming, especially to Guilford. The cost would be \$500 a month, but it would give us greater reliability. We are looking into Frontier and Lighttower for services.

7. Public Participation:

a. None

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM (FV/MM).

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary McLaughlin, WMNR Commission