

Walpole Media Corporation (WMC)
275 Common Street, Walpole, Massachusetts 02081
Board of Directors Meeting January 11th, 2023
via Zoom

The Board of Directors Meeting of WMC called to order on January 11, 2023, at 7:02 p.m. by Jean Kenney.

Board members present: Jean Kenney, Nancy Niles, BJ Burke, Brian Denitzio, Rich McCarthy, Nancy Dayian,

Jim D'Attilio - arrived after ED Report so not present for early meeting votes.

Also present: Executive Director Tamarah Green, Production Coordinator Nick Piccirilli,

Jean Kenney called the meeting to order asked for a motion to waive the reading and accept the December 2022 meeting minutes, the motion was made by Rich McCarthy and seconded by Nancy Dayian. Vote to accept 6-0-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brian Denitzio provided quick overview of the Treasurer Report that was submitted to board prior to meeting.

Rich McCarthy moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Nancy Niles. Vote to accept: 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Green presented the Executive Director's Report, please see attached.

Discussions regarding the Executive Director's Report included:

- Conversation with Steve Imbusch about WHS using 2 of the WMC parking spaces for school vans. Use of WMC parking spaces by WHS staff and students has already become an issue. Further discussions are planned.
- Tamarah is working on the FY24 Budget to present to Fin Com in February
- Some WMC volunteers have had family health issues.

Report from Nick Piccirilli on some of the projects he has been working on including many sports broadcasts. He has more support now from Pete O'Farrell's TV students who are required to cover WHS sports events as part of their classwork. Nick will be working on the "Behind the Scenes" reel for the WHS Film Festival.

NEW BUSINESS

- Brian, Jean and Tamarah met with MS building architects and Bill Hahn regarding the request for WMC to fund some of the fiber installations. WMC asked what portion of the the installation would be used by WMC for programming. The auditorium will be

used for Town Meeting and is the primary area where WMC focus funding. Jean and Tamarah proposed WMC would contribute 20-30K for fiber installation. There was discussion from board on the amount and future use of the MS space for WMC programming. Motion made by Jim D'Attilio, second by Rich McCarthy, to approve funding for 30K for fiber installation and infrastructure Approved 7-0-0.

- Town Administrator Jim Johnson presented the new Town of Walpole contract with Comcast at the Select Board meeting on January 10, which Nancy Dayian, Rich McCarthy, Tamarah Green and Jean Kenney attended. Jim Johnson was able to secure a 10 year license with Comcast at the same 5% rate and 25K annual contribution for capital projects.
- Jim Johnson also presented the contract extension for The Town of Walpole and WMC. This is the second of three allowable extensions and was voted favorably by the Select Board. WMC Board members will need to visit Town Hall to sign the contract.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1A Fields Fiber funding request. Mike Donovan submitted an invoice to WMC for \$97,901 for the 1A Fields Fiber project. This matches the original quote provided. This amount, along with the the funding for Jarvis Farm was within the 115K budgeted. Jim D'Attilio made a motion, seconded by Nancy Dayian to approve the payment of the \$97,901 invoice. Approved 7-0-0
- Request from HS for WMC to contribute to the installation of the wireless network in the pressbox at the high school field. This project has already been completed and there is mutual benefit for WMC. Discussion about setting up a ratio between WMC and school department for project funding. This ration would be included as part of the WMC strategic planning.

Jim D'Attilio added final commentary on WMC parking spaces. He reminded the board that WMC actually funded the construction of these spaces when the WMC studio was moved to the HS.

Ms. Kenney scheduled the next WMC Board of Directors meeting for Wednesday, February 8th, 2023, at 7PM via Zoom.

Jim D'Attilio made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nancy Niles. Vote to adjourn: 7-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: BJ Burke, Secretary/Clerk