

1 **Northwest PEG-TV**

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3 Northwest PEG-TV Annual Meeting

4 October 5, 2015

5 Minutes

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7 **Present for a quorum:** David McWilliams, Rick Tatro, Joe Halko, Jill Snapp, Gregg
8 Gervais, Michel Consejo

9 **Unable to Attend:** Marilyn Grunewald, Virginia Holiman

10 **Administrators:** Elizabeth Malone

11 **Members/Visitors:** Paul Snyder, Donna McWilliams, Darren Quick, Sarah Quick,
12 Timothy Stetson, Nicole Gervais, Sarah West, Tammie Consejo, Donna Tatro, Nancy
13 Vaisey, Gerry Vaisey, Winton Goodrich, Evan James, James Cross, Andrew Girroir,
14 Linda Kirker, Marianna Gamache, Rita Blouin, Diane Costes, Renee Laroche-Rheaume,
15 Lane McElree, Jim Coutts, Jen Dusablon, Heather Buczkowski, Gina Clark, Joanne
16 Montanye, James Levy, Ann Levy, Sarah McElree, Ian Chase, Jerry Clark

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18 1. Gather and Greet Members of Public
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20 2. Call to Order- David McWilliams called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. at One
21 Federal Restaurant in Saint Albans. David McWilliams thanked everyone for
22 attending Northwest Access TV's annual meeting. Mr. McWilliams asked for a
23 moment of silence for Stan Beaugard and Paul Legassey, followed with a prayer.
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- 25 3. Welcome-. Elizabeth Malone he thanked everyone for attending and for all of the
26 supporters and workers of NWATV which have helped produce over 2,000 hours
27 each year of programming.
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- 29 4. The Faces of NW Access TV- Paul Snyder presented a movie clip of the new faces
30 of Northwest Access TV. The new producers were interviewed and asked why
31 they produced, and asked advice for new producers to come. The people who
32 were featured in the movie were Michel Consejo, Pam Easterday, Dave
33 Southwick, Dorey Demers, Heather Buczkowski, Nicole Tatro, Evan James, and
34 Andrew Girroir.
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- 36 5. Board of Directors Elections- Gregg Gervais asked for nominations for the open
37 positions on the Board. There were three 3-year terms and one 2-year term
38 available.
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40 **Michel Consejo nominated Marilyn Grunewald, Rick Tatro, and David McWilliams**
41 **for the three 3-year terms, and Tim Stetson for the 2-year term; Jill Snapp seconded**
42 **the nomination.**

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44 **David McWilliams made the motion to close nominations; Jill Snapp seconded the**
45 **motion. The motion carried.**
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1 **Joe Halko made the motion to re-elect Marilyn Gruenwald, Rick Tatro, and David**
2 **McWilliams back onto the Board for 3-year terms; and to elect Tim Stetson onto the**
3 **Board for a 2-year term; Jill Snapp seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
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5 6. New Location- Rick Tatro and David McWilliams spoke about how Northwest
6 Access TV has been looking for a building to purchase for over two and a half
7 years. The Town and City of St. Albans have been working through a moratorium
8 which is restricting the water rights. The moratorium will be lifted on November
9 15, 2015 which will give the Board the opportunity to purchase a parcel of land to
10 build. The Board is hopeful to have some good news by the beginning of 2016.
11 Jim Levy asked some questions of the Board, which the Board will consider at
12 their next Board meeting.
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14 7. NW Nightmares Film Festival- Renee Laroche Rheaume is running the Northwest
15 Nightmares Film Festival which is a local film contest. This year the premier will
16 be on October 26, 2015 at the Weldon Theater, and the doors open at 6:10
17 p.m. There will be great prizes, and a costume contest. This event will be
18 promoted on Facebook, Hashtags, Fliers around town, and on their website
19 www.nwnightmares.com. The after party will be at 14th Star Brewery where
20 people can meet all of the producers of the films.
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22 8. North Country Expansion Status- Joe Halko explained NWATV will be expanding
23 to Enosburg and surrounding areas. Previously, due to a lack of technology
24 NWATV could not expand to sustain North Country Access TV. The production
25 equipment will be stored at the Cold Hollow Career Center in Enosburg, and this
26 will give the opportunity for the students to have a studio and to use the
27 equipment. With Enosburg as a hub, most of Franklin County will be
28 covered. Michel Consejo explained the towns are excited to have Access TV and
29 cannot wait to have channel 15 and 16. Elizabeth Malone explained the
30 Government does not regulate DISH TV, and therefore DISH subscribers do not
31 get Channel 15 or Channel 16. Some Access TV needs to take on Enosburg by
32 2019, and NWATV believes they are the right Access TV to do so. This also gives
33 the station more of an opportunity to expand which means more revenue.
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35 9. Decade Award- Rick Tatro and David McWilliams presented the decade award to
36 Linda Kirker for 10 years of service. Linda Kirker spoke and thanked the staff of
37 NWATV, and explained the opportunities and educational experience this has
38 given her.
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40 Elizabeth Malone informed everyone on October 21, 2015, VIT, Vermont Interactive
41 Television will give the public a chance to speak to the Public Service Board about
42 Comcast. If it was not for the Public Service Board to mandate payments to Access
43 TV, Comcast wouldn't have to.
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45 David McWilliams thanked everyone for coming to Northwest Access TV's Annual
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10. Adjourn

Joe Halko made the motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.; Gregg Gervais seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianne King, Board Recorder

David McWilliams, President

Michel Consejo

Rick Tatro, Vice President

Gregg Gervais

Marilyn Grunewald, Treasurer

Joe Halko

Jill Snapp, Secretary

Virginia Holiman

Tim Stetson