

BCAT BOARD MEETING
August, 29 2016

Present: Board Members: Julie Turner, Bob Dutton, Grethen Kind, Kyle Draper
Staff: Greg Dolan, Jenn Puhle

Meeting called to order at 12:30 pm.

Bob Dutton discussed the issues around the current Bedford TV contract's end date and future issues with the start of the new contract. Also how the current contract was developed and the current Revolving Fund process.

Due to a policy change from the Mass. Dept. of Revenue, a revolving fund can no longer be used. A Special Revenue Account or Enterprise Fund must be adopted and the change is likely to be made this fall and voted on in Town Meeting and take effect 7/1/17

Discussion about what this means for Bedford TV moving forward

- approval of budget by town meeting
- new contract will likely need to be in place by 7/1/17 (or extended by one year)

A Strategic Plan is being developed by Greg Dolan to make clear what the goals of Bedford TV are and develop a better understanding of need for funding in the future.

A timeline was discussed for gathering information so Bedford TV can understand and provide as much input in to the upcoming changes and plan meetings with key players to discuss our strategic plan and ideas

Important for all Board Members and Greg to be involved in this process

- research contract closeout needs
- strategic plan - Greg
- Comcast/Verizon contracts - Kyle
- Town Funding options - Gretchen
- meeting with Mass Access ?- Greg
- Research other area cable systems (Concord/Lexington) - Julie

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00

Gretchen Kind
Interim Clerk in L. Warhover's absence