

CCTV Board Meeting | 18 February 2016

Present: Jane Knodell, Michael McNamara, Jason Pelletier, Erin Malone **Absent:** Tess Gauthier

Staff: LG Davitian

1. Review of January 31 Financials – Reviewed but not approved. The budget is tight but we are operating within existing revenue and expense parameters. Common Good Vermont is exploring new revenue sources.

2. General Update from ED:

Comcast: We've been working hard on the Comcast Docket 8301. January was spent preparing testimony (INSERT LINK). We are now responding to questions from Comcast about our testimony. Our case will be further spelled out at the BAMO Lunch on 3/3 at noon. We will webcast if you cannot attend.

The central points of the testimony:

- Cable network will transform to TCP/IP transport within 11 years of the CPG.
- Comcast has not fully complied with Interactive Program Guide, ROS in this current CPG.
- VAN is looking for engineering to enable IPG access, access to HD channels and cooperation in establishing ROS sites.
- VAN proposes that Comcast establish a statewide PEG LAN or Inet for backend sharing and front end statewide program airing.
- PSB has authorization to require these.
- Comcast has agreed to these in other contracts.

Common Good Vermont: In other news, we've released the *Common Good Vermont* Spring 2016 line up. (INSERT LINK) We are making headway with our regional network building and will offer Finance Fridays on 3/18 and 5/13 using this model. Working Board Lunches are also set for 3/24 and 5/5 that may be of interest to the Board members.

Staff Changes: Rob and Mike will be leaving in May/ June. Jackie will be called up next January for six months. We are working on transitions now.

3. Burlington Telecom: We discussed BTAB efforts to establish criteria for sale by January 2018. This will go to City Hall for ratification in March. CCTV will reconvene the organizers to brief them on the criteria and plan for March public meetings. Also, talk with Co-op folks to see how they are progressing re: access to \$12-18M capital. We are generally concerned with the eventual sale after this buyer. Including the public benefit corp structure could mitigate these concerns.

