

## CCTV Center for Media & Democracy

*The mission of CCTV Center for Media & Democracy is to open the door for democratic social change to happen. We aim to be a trusted provider of free speech training, tools and channels. We serve activists, civic leaders, nonprofits and community members who want to increase their reach and impact.*

## MINUTES

Thursday November 30 2017

Time: 5 - 6:15 p.m. | CCTV HQ

**Welcome & Attendance:** Mike McNamara, Tess G, Erin M, Jason P., **Staff:**

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Welcome Mary Simons - See Mary's short biography, below.

**Approval of Minutes – October 2017**

**Financials - [October 2017](#)**

### DISCUSSION/ ACTION

- **Mike McNamara Thanks** - Since 1986, produced The Housing Show. He then went on to the Vermont Housing and Community Shows - 120 episodes over 10 years. Erhard took that show over and so it still continues.
- Server Purchase - \$20K to supplement the Civic Cloud...
- **Upcoming Policy Issues: Comcast Federal Court, Privacy, FCC**
- **Annual Giving Goal Next Steps** - Analyze list for big donor pursuits (Jason willing to help with this), send phone numbers for other members to invite for the party.
- **BT Sale Update** - Why the two abstentions? Schurz deal - Mayoral veto threat out there. Continuing to vote for KBTL meant that Mayor would have vetoed. There would not have been able to over-ride the veto. Mayor now needs to sign the Schurz deal. Net neutrality issue will need to be resolved. Decentralized approach v. HQ command control. What should be in the asset purchase agreement: e.g future share, Board involvement, Civic Cloud.
- **BAMO Update** - Not much to report here.
- **Marlboro/ CGVT Merger Status** - [Letter from Board](#) and [Due Dilligence Qs](#) and [CCTV Letter](#)
- **Board Recruitment** - Jason has put some feelers that includes Shay Totten,

**ADJOURN** - 6:45 p.m.

**Upcoming Meetings:** [Link here](#): **Second Thursdays:** 12/14 Holiday Party

## [BOARD CONTACT INFO](#)

**Welcome Mary Simons.** I was a Humanities teacher for ten years, in both public and private middle and high schools, in Vermont and Connecticut. I recently earned my Masters Degree in Education Reform from the New School For Social Research in Manhattan, NY. I love working with adolescents: their open minds, their exuberance and willingness to explore, their un-squelched faith in fairness and justice, and their

contagious, vibrating interest in experiencing the world. After much thought and preparation, I am now starting a summer program for juniors and seniors in high school. Since I live in Vermont, it seems easiest to spread this opportunity through the grapevine - through teachers whom I know and/or whose work I respect, by talking to guidance counselors, and through parents of former students. I'm extremely excited about Conversations From the Open Road: it builds on the integrity and exhilaration of intellectual pursuit, but is not strapped by the constraints of the traditional school model. This program is a 2 week road-trip to a specific area, investigating a certain pressing issue, culminating in a short documentary film that our young people create, shoot and edit together.