



Board & Staff Update

- I have drafted general descriptions for Board committees, upon request - these will be distributed for review / approval at the meeting
- at last meeting, we discussed trying to plan a LPCTV Board "retreat" - are we still interested?
- I would like to gauge the current Board's support for my flexible work schedule. Past boards had discussed the concept of having occasional open hours during evenings & weekends - In addition to my desire to accommodate that and in consideration of my own needs, I would like to fluctuate my work schedule from time to time. I typically have worked a Monday - Friday schedule, and have worked almost entirely during open hours - but I would like to adjust this. I would not yet change our current open office hours.

Comcast Update

- Mount Holly cable build-out is nearing completion, so I am told - we should discuss how to best perform our own outreach to MH residents (aside from Comcast) and in conjunction with Comcast (such as a joint flyer) - we had support for this concept from Christina Degraff-Murphy (Community Affairs Mgr) when she came to our BOD meeting last year
- Comcast has made news headlines lately for its bold step in limiting internet access - one should news report indicates "Comcast reports that on Oct. 1 it will begin restricting home users to 250 gigabytes of traffic per month, the company announced. Customers who exceed the limit will hear from the company, which will ask them to limit their usage." Comcast is the largest cable provider in the US and the second-largest internet service provider (behind only SBC / AT&T) - such a move will undoubtedly set a precedent among internet service providers - it is expected that others will follow suit, unless the FCC intervenes with a ruling

Space

- Ludlow Town Manager Frank Heald was asked about rumors regarding the purchase of the Armory Building - it's still too early to say, but the Town appears to be in regular conversations with the National Guard and may be pursuing ownership of that building, but if it was to happen it would not be anytime soon

Financial

- Brigid now has us up to date with our checking & money market account reconciliations- thank you, Brigid!
- We had 2 CD's mature since our last meeting - 1 we rolled the entire sum (\$17+K) over into a new 3 mo CD at 1.8% and took \$10K out of the other one and put into our checking account, then rolled the balance of \$26K over into a an 8 mo CD at 2.7%
- we now have a total of \$43+K in CDs remaining (\$35K of which is earmarked for a "Building Fund")

Vermont Access Network (VAN) Update

- VAN President Rob Chapman will be at our September meeting to discuss VAN activities & the status of current contract negotiations between individual stations & Comcast

* LPCTV's contract with Comcast is up for renewal in 2011, so Rob's insight into this process will be helpful towards our planning

Website

- as you know, the website has been updated to include a new look and some new features, the most notable of which are the "Featured Videos" along the right sidebar
- I am working with our IT contractor, Emily Frazier, on customizing the site to include automated program schedule updates and a "Coming Up Next" feature, that will list programs coming up on LPCTV and will update hourly - once that is working we will do a big PR campaign to get the word out, and hopefully get some press, drawing attention to how people can find program schedules (this is still an ongoing question, as in "how do I find out what's on?")

Outreach & Fundraising

- as you know, Bruce Perry is continuing his volunteer coverage of Black River sports, and has been at work covering all boys & girls soccer games - as you also know, we have been trying to help him find business sponsor support to help cover his expenses
- this fundraising effort so far has largely been unsuccessful, with just 1 sponsor for \$50- the total target is \$1300, which would cover all expenses (mileage + food) for an estimated 34 games, and a 10% donation to LPCTV
- any ideas on how to make this better or any help you might be able to lend would be greatly appreciated