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Technology Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 27, 2011 - 1:00 PM - Flaherty Room

In attendance: Christine Conroy, Jason Weaving, Paul Thompson, Kurt Miller (until 1:12)

- 1) Meeting Called to order by Kurt Miller at 1:01 pm
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Election of Officers:
 - Kurt called for a nomination for chairman
 - Christine Conroy nominated Jason Weaving, second by Paul Thompson
 - No other nominations
 - Motion carries 3-0-0
 - Jason Weaving called for nominations for Vice Chairman
 - Christine Conroy nominated Paul Thompson, second by Jason Weaving
 - No other nominations
 - Motion carries 3-0-0
 - Jason Weaving called for nominations for secretary
 - Paul Thompson nominated Christine Conroy, second by Jason Weaving
 - No other nominations
 - Motion carries 3-0-0

4) Discussion and approval of meeting schedule

• 2nd Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 PM in Flaherty Room

5) Discussion of charter

 Creation in progress, will be discussed at next meeting, formalized, & published to Town Clerk

Christine Conroy made a motion to table further discussion of the charter until the January 10th meeting. Second by Jason. Motion carries 3-0-0

6) Budget

- The only item right away that will need funds would be a town website
- Unsure how much a new website would cost
- Christine & Paul will look into possible technology grants
- Jason is going to reach out to Representative DeLauro about how she might be able to help us
- Christine will get in touch with Len Greene
- Each member has their assignments and will report back at the January 10th meeting
- Deadline for budget ideas is January 31st

7) Other business

- The committee will use Google Docs as a form of communication, for drafts, and for work outside the committee, as well as any files related to the committee's work.
- We need clarification from town counsel for moving forward with the legal and ethical issues relating to the website, Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Legal repercussions to displaying expired links?
- Does certain "public" media sharing require permission?
- Are there any FOI regulations that need to be considered?
- To what extent does a post or comment, etc. define an "endorsement" of an idea or stance?
- Are disclaimers required for government related sites? Shrink-wrap copyright?
- Any Union vs. Non-Union issues that need consideration?

Before the next meeting we need to look at the current website - hosting

- Jason made a motion to create a non-community Facebook page for the First Selectman's office that could be turned over to future administrations
- Second by Christine
- Discussion: "Office of the First Selectman of Seymour, CT" established as a Facebook page Kurt's campaign Facebook page will be archived for now and any updates he personally wants townspeople to know will be pushed to this account The SeymourTownHall twitter account will be linked to this page instead of the Seymour,CT Facebook page
- The Seymour,CT Facebook page will be primarily a community page posting news or events all non political information
- Creation of wiki's for website is something to think about for the future where each department can post their own information
- We need to identify what we want from the town website even though none of us are creating the site we still have to create a skeleton for what we want
- A special meeting just about the town website will be held
- The possibility of a subcommittee to focus solely on the website was discussed
- The possibility of a survey of town residents was discussed to see what their needs or wishes were for functionality of the town website

9) Public comment

- None
- 9) Motion to adjourn by Christine Conroy at 2:18. Second by Jason. Motion carries 3-0-0.