



**Radio Catskill Community Advisory Board Minutes
January 30, 2025 virtually via Zoom**

In Attendance: Samantha Mango, Neal Hitch, Steve Yaccino, LJ Ruell, Jill Carletti
Invited Guests and Public: Barbara Demarest, Steve Gosch, Doug Rogers, Eric Feinblatt

- Motion to call meeting called to order at 6:02 pm made by LJ, Steve seconded. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the minutes from December meeting (December 23, 2024) made by Steve, LJ seconded. Motion carried.
- Neal reported that the CAB met 5 times in 2024, which exceeds the requirements of 4 meetings per year. Noted that there needs to be focus on new member recruitment, the CAB can have a maximum of 13 members, with each term lasting 3 years. Samantha may be on the last year of her term, so the Board of Trustees will need to be presented for a new term appointment. Jill is on her second year, of her 3-year term. Barbara will ask present Samantha Mango's second board term appointment to the Board of Trustees at the next meeting.
- Neal presented the proposed slate of officers to be elected: LJ Ruell as Chair, Neal Hitch as Vice Chair, and Samantha Mango as Secretary. Motion to approve this slate of offices made by Jill, Steve seconded. Motion carried, unanimous approval.
- The meeting schedule for 2025 will continue to be the last Thursday of every other month at 6:00pm, as follows:
 - March 27, 2025 @ 6:00pm
 - May 29, 2025 @ 6:00pm
 - July 31, 2025 @ 6:00pm
 - September 25, 2025 @ 6:00pm
 - November 20, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Neal mentioned that the CAB has been trying to schedule some in-person meetings, Samantha suggested using the Bethel Woods Horizon happy Hour Concert Series events as an in-person meeting for July. Neal confirmed the date is July 9th, 2025 (the 2nd Wednesdays in the summer months) but CAB will still hold July 31st as a backup meeting date in case quorum isn't met. Steve said meeting quorum is the most pressing issue (quorum is greater than 50% of members)

- Barbara provided a Board Liaison updated; noted that the CAB is mandated by the Communications Act, and the role is to advise the Board of Trustees on whether the station is meeting community needs and makes recommendations to Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is working on a Community Survey, to include both listeners and non-listeners, and will be done in conjunction with strategic planning efforts. The Board of Trustees will ask the CAB to share the survey with local businesses and organizations that have newsletters and large public outreach. The survey is anticipated to be completed soon, with outreach efforts taking place in the Spring. The survey is being created by the strategic planning group, the public is welcome to join.
- Invited Guests Welcome – introductions from:
 - Steve Gosch – works with Samantha at Delaware Highlands Conservancy and is interested in joining the CAB.
 - Eric Feinblatt
 - Doug Rogers
- Public Comments
 - Doug Rogers introduced himself as a member of the public. He is a resident of over 30 years, a local musician involved in Farm Arts Collective and represents anti-war voices in the community (Upper Delaware Action for a Free Palestine Group). He would like to help in any way he can, as a member of the community.
- New Business
 - Neal suggested CAB schedule a meeting in February for a potential new member meet and greet. Motion to schedule a February new member meeting made by LJ, Samantha seconded. Motion carried.
- Motion to adjourn made by LJ, seconded by Steve. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Samantha Mango, Secretary