

Present

Bilal Ansari, Van Ellet, Cheryl Shanks, Leigh Short; absent: Charles Bonenti, Catherine Yamamoto

Also Present: Stephen Dravis (iBerkshires), Martin for (Willinet)

Business

1. Minutes

The minutes of the April 2 meeting were approved 4-0-0.

2. Open Meeting Violation

The committee responded to a complaint filed by Ken Swiatek of Williamstown, alleging that the committee violated the state Open Meeting Law by sending a letter to the editor signed by all members when this had been discussed at no posted meeting.

The committee acknowledged that this indeed happened. One member of the committee had written a letter and sent it to the other committee members just for their information. Committee members each spontaneously asked to be included as signatories. The members wrongly thought that by not discussing the language, just asking to sign, they were in compliance with the OML. They were not.

The committee acknowledges its error and apologizes for its violation.

Document consulted: OML violation complaint.

Next Meeting:
with John Ryan, May 7