

CACSCC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 28, 2013
GCTV, Guilford

The Cable Advisory Council of South Central Ct Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Minotti at 7:15 p.m.

Meeting Quorum: 8 Members/ 5 Towns

Those present were: Mark Minotti, North Haven; Bill Biski, East Haven; Joanne Wentworth & Mary Bigelow, North Branford; Tom Dacey & Laura Parisi, Wallingford; Terri Fiondella, Terry Cain, David Weinberg, Guilford; and John Bairos, Comcast Representative.

Those absent were: Mary Lyons, Branford; J.T. Tenczar, North Branford; Michael Maturo, North Haven.

Guests in attendance: Mary Minotti North Haven; John Gingeras, Wallingford; Mike Streeto, EHTV Cameraman

Mark Minotti thanked Guilford for hosting this month's meeting and accepted David Weinberg's appointment letter to the Council. David Weinberg welcomed everyone to Guilford's renovated studio & invited everyone for a tour of their new equipment. Terry Cain and Terry Fiondella were also welcomed into the Council when they handed in their appointment letters.

Mark turned the meeting over to John Bairos for the Comcast Report.

COMCAST REPORT:

John Bairos reported that Comcast awarded Leadership Scholarships to recipients in May.

Mark informed the Council that a few verbal complaints were received concerning Comcast's representatives not willing to work with customer's billing. It was discovered that they switched their service to AT&T.

John Bairos wanted to know if the customers knew of the representative's name or names and Mark said that they did not. John Bairos said that he will investigate further.

The annual reports from the PEGS were due February 15th. A friendly reminder was given to North Branford to please hand the report in as soon as possible. John Bairos said that Madison had filed an extension with PURA.

Mark thanked John Bairos for his report and for addressing the complaints.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

Minutes from October 25, 2012 were reviewed and the following corrections were made:

(page 2) "John B. made a motion to table the discussion, take action, or let it *is* based on the PURA decision"

Correction: "John B. made a motion to table the discussion, take action, or let it *be* based on the PURA decision"

(page 3) Under *Insurance Policy*: "To date, in speaking to insurance company there is no mention *on an* increase at this time"

Correction: "To date, in speaking to insurance company there is no mention *of any* increase at this time"

(page 4) Under *PEGS and Training*: "Would like to find ways to get students and others involved in by hosting training sessions"

Correction: "*Laura Parisi* would like to find ways to get students and others involved by hosting training sessions"

A motion from Laura Parisi, Wallingford, to accept the corrected minutes from the last meeting held on October 25, 2012. Tom Dacey, Wallingford, second. Terry Fiondella and David Weinberg, Guilford, abstained. Everyone else approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mark Minotti began his report by announcing his resignation as Council Chairman, with June 27th being his final Council Meeting. Mark cited his health, family and business being too demanding to continue his position with the Council. Mark would like to organize a nominating committee to vote a new chairperson in. Joanne Wentworth, No. Branford and Bill Biski,

East Haven, volunteered to work with Mark Minotti on the nominating committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Dacey, Wallingford, apologized for missing the December Treasurer's Report with the following balances:

Checking Account \$4029.48

CD Account \$14,644.00

Total Cash Assets \$18,673.48

Joanne Wentworth, No. Branford, made a motion to accept the December Treasurer's Report, Laura Parisi, Wallingford, second. All were in favor.

Tom then reported February Treasurer's Report with the following balances:

Checking Account \$3989.50

CD Account 14,648.32

Total Assets \$18,637.82

Joanne Wentworth, No. Branford, made a motion to accept the February Treasurer's Report, Laura Parisi, Wallingford, second, and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Mary Bigelow, No. Branford, explained the proposed Bill 5790 and 5791 and John Barios explained the resubmission of the 60/40 split that was presented last meeting. A discussion followed. Mark asked all the PEGS for their final decision before taking a vote with the advisors. Mary Bigelow said that North Branford would be destroyed and voted to keep 60/40 split. The letters that were returned from the PEGS from the 7 towns decisions were as follows: WPAA & EHPA voted to change 60/40 to a per subscriber basis. Totoket TV, BCTV, NHTV, GCTV, & Madison TV all asked that 60/40 remain the same. After reviewing the letters from the PEGS, the board was asked to make the final decisions to move forward in negotiations to change the 60/40 funding or to remain the same. Final decision was to let the 60/40 remain in place with decision being unanimous by all town representative advisors. Mary Bigelow suggested to email all the PEGS of Council's unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

John Barios announced that PURA has awarded WPAA \$191,000.00 grant. Mark Minotti congratulated Wallingford on their grant approval.

Tom Dacey said that the Insurance Renewal forms needed to be in by the middle of March. David Weinberg said that he had an opportunity to review the policy and wants to clarify the “no advertising clause”. David pointed out that some stations do in fact advertise using print ads. Mark Minotti said that he will investigate it further with the insurance agent, Jen. All bills will be mailed out once we get our renewal declarations..

TOWN REPORTS

North Branford: Mary Bigelow said that she is having a hard time connecting with the superintendent to relocate in a school. Mary hasn't received a response back yet.

Guilford: David Weinberg announced that GCTV went digital where he can access their programming from anywhere and gave Guilford's Board of Ed access for school closings. All the renovations of the updated studio were done by volunteers and David is very proud of their very active internship program and their community service to the station.

Wallingford: Laura Parisi went to Wallingford's board meeting and commented how nice their building is. Wallingford has 2 cable systems broadcasting side by side. A member of the Wallingford Camera Club is providing digital files teaching Spanish, televising boxing matches. Tom Dacey announced that his show, *Talking with Tom*, is in its 19th season.

East Haven: Bill Biski announced a new show called *Talking Head Show*.

North Haven: Mark Minotti applauded Kelly Bennett, cameraperson for NHTV, being *Person of the Week* in the North Haven Courier. Walter Mann is still seeking more interns.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Joanne Wentworth, North Branford; made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm; second by Tom Dacey, Wallingford. All were in favor.

Respectively submitted

Mary Minotti