

CACSCC Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 20th, 2014
BCTV, Branford

The Cable Advisory Council of South Central Ct Meeting was called to order by Michael Maturo at 7:20 p.m.

Meeting Quorum: 8 Members/ 6 Towns

Those present were: Mary Bigelow, North Branford; Bill Biski, East Haven; Michael Maturo, North Haven; Chad Roy, Branford; David Weinberg, Guilford; Steve Fuest, Madison; Margot Hardenbergh, Branford; Joanne Wentworth, North Branford and John Bairos, Comcast Representative .

Those absent were: Terri Cain; Guilford, Thomas Dacey, Wallingford; Terri Fiondella, Guilford and Laura Parisi, Wallingford

Guests in attendance: BCTV Cameraman: Doug

Michael Maturo welcomed the council and thanked Branford TV studios for hosting & asked if there were any public comments. A Quorum was made with 6 Towns represented, stated by Michael Maturo.

COMCAST REPORT:

Comcast representative John Bairos presented the annual \$2,000 payment for CACSCC. He reported the price adjustment info for Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Madison, North Branford, North Haven and Wallingford. Comcast has replied to the letter received from North Haven client and has received no response. At the end of January some channel lineup dates changes, Oxygen TV moved from digital preferred to digital start up, lower tier so it's more affordable and the Weather channel moved from basic to expanded tier. In March the military channel is rebranding themselves to American Hero's. The updated channel lineup and price cards are effective January 22nd 2014. Limited, basic expanded, digital start up & preferred stayed the same. The broadcasters are starting to charge fees, so customers will see the \$1.50 reflected under line item, called broadcast TV fee.

Michael Maturo moved the review of minutes to later on the agenda until Joanne Wentworth and Mary Bigelow arrive.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PEGPETIA Campaign: Michael Maturo thanked Walter Mann for his help and expressed frustration there was not more responses from the mailing. He received only 2 replies but Walter Mann did point out to him some positive results. Congratulations to everyone for results so far. Right now there are five Bills pending to deal with the request to restore funding, three of them are going in front of the Appropriations Committee and two are going to Energy and Technology committee. The Bills are 5073, 5075, 5077, 5172 and SP135. A Complaint from a 97 year old Wallingford customer was received regarding her bill going up. John Bairos reported that he has not received the letter. Mary Bigelow gave him copy of the letter.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Tom Dacey was unable to attend the meeting due to transportation problems. His report was respectfully submitted dated 12/19/13

Chairman Maturo reviewed the following balances:

Expenses:

\$90.00 Jaki Lauper Recording Secretary

\$39.98 (2) Months Website Host Fee

Checking Account Balance \$5,230.47

Interest on CD .62 for 12/31 and .62 for 1/31

Certificate of Deposit \$14,655.78

Total Cash Assets \$19,886.25

Margo Hardenbergh made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, David Weinberg, second. All were in favor. It was reported that Treasurer Dacey did submit CACSCC's report to PURA.

OLD BUSINESS

AT&T Council Report: Steve Fuest, CACSCC's representative reported that he attended the December meeting, where nothing happened due to

issues they had. He was unable to attend the January or February meetings. He did find out that they had reelected the old board.

NEW BUSINESS

Website email access problem resolved.

TOWN REPORTS

North Haven: Michael Maturo reported that North Haven Community TV was able to raise \$3500 from their fall winter fruit fundraiser campaign plus \$3,000 from North Haven chowder booth at the fair. The cub/tiger scout den #803 toured the studio and enjoyed it. Additionally, the equipment purchased from the PEGPETIA Grant (\$71,000) is fully installed and working. Congratulations to Chris Bennett who was part time assistant Manager at North Haven Community TV for getting a full time position with Nutmeg TV in New Britain as Director of Technology. He had started with the Station at 16 years old and then became a staffer in college. There are a number of North Haven Community TV students that become part time staffers and then later went on to other positions. North Haven has filed annual report to PURA. Guilford: David Weinberg reported they recently lost a long-standing board member Don Berto. He will be greatly missed. They had a memorial dinner instead of a board meeting. GCTV sent letter to Representative Pat Widlitz, co-chair of the Funds and Bonds Committee, in support of PEGPETIA Bill. They have called her but have received no reply as yet. David Weinberg noted he was able to calculate on-demands program, last year 12,000 views on YouTube, 7,000 were Guilford views, mostly parents, grandparents and other Guilford residents here and overseas. They are launching their 3rd annual Quiz Ball. One of their producers is about to launch a 2 year series which will interview Guilford's town boards/commissions to find out what they do and what their mandates are. Branford: Margo Hardenbergh reports say BCTV lost Dick Shriver. He will be greatly missed. Additionally, they weren't able to meet for last two months due to snow. They are doing more programming; one series meant for the older population which is successful called Grey Matters. Branford filed their PURA report on Saturday. BCTV continues to have interns, and they continue to deal with cramped space issues. Madison: Steve Fuest: reports at the board meeting last month it was reported that some new shows are happening and that's about it, He also spoke about using - live stream, appears very successful with folks watching across country on it. He will

have copy of their PURA report for the next meet. North Branford: Joanne Wentworth reported that North Branford had minor shake up on the Board but since Walter Mann has been in North Branford it's all good. Mary Bigelow reported that Channel 19 has been completely moved to Totoket TV and is up and running. AT&T is currently working on connection to TTV.

Correspondence:

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

- Minutes from December 19, 2013 were reviewed. A motion was made by David Weinberg, seconded by Chad Roy to accept the minutes as presented. There were nine votes in favor and one abstention.
- October 24, 2013 meeting minutes were tabled to the next meeting April 26, 2014. The motion was moved by Margot Hardenbergh, seconded by Joanne Wentworth. All voted in favor.
 - Minutes from August 22, 2013 were reviewed. A motion was made by David Weinberg, seconded by Chad Roy, to accept the minutes as amended. There were small spelling typos. There were six votes in favor and two abstentions.

Other Business:

There was a short discussion about Comcast buying out Time Warner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Steve Fuest made a motion, seconded by Chad Roy, to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectively submitted,
Jaki Lauper

