

## **CACSCC Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

NHTV, North Haven

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

Meeting Quorum: 9 Members/ 6 Towns present

Those present were: Mary Bigelow, North Branford; Bill Biski, East Haven; Michael Maturo, North Haven; Joanne Wentworth, North Branford; Chad Roy, Branford; Laura Parisi; Wallingford; Margot Hardenbergh, Branford; Tom Dacey, Wallingford, Steve Fuest, Madison; John Bairos, Comcast.

Those absent were: Terri Cain; Guilford, David Weinberg, Guilford, Terri Fiondella, Guilford.

Guests in attendance: NHTV Cameraman, Janet, North Haven; Dan Branford; Bob, Wallingford.

Michael Maturo welcomed the council and thanked North Haven TV studios for hosting CACSCC & asked if there were any public comments. No response was made. A Quorum was made with 6 Towns and 9 members represent as stated by Mary Bigelow, Vice-Chairman.

### **COMCAST REPORT:**

Chairman Michael Maturo moved onto the Comcast Report, John Bairos, representative for Comcast thanked Michael Maturo for his leadership and working so nicely with Comcast and the council and said he looked forward to working with the new leadership. Announced Comcast sponsoring \$1,000 Scholarship called Comcast Leaders and Achievers for high school seniors from each school if their guidance counselor nominated them for community involvement, academic achievement or leadership skills. This year 44 was

given out statewide and in Branford, 3 students. Laura Parisi then spoke about her Iceland trip and showed photographs and a slide show.

#### REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Chairman Maturo asked to review and accept minutes from last April 24th meeting. No corrections. Joanne motioned to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura. Three abstained, Steve Fuest, Chad Roy and Tom Dacey as they were not here last meeting.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Maturo referred to an email by David Weinberg about PEGPETIA Funding Restoration campaign, which supplied the information he has given. It was confirmed by Michael Coil at PURA who reiterated info David was given from Representative Widlitz. The funds have been approved for allocation but bond commission has to accept and issue bonds and it's now in the hands of the governor's office. Mr. Coil referred website to Chairman Maturo to check on it. Nothing else to report. There were no comments or questions.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Tom Dacey handed out report.  
The report presented for 06-26-2014 by Tom Dacey is as follows:

Total Expenses: \$3, 794.97

Checking Account Balance: \$2,730.52

CD Account Balance: \$14,658.18

Total Cash Reserves: \$17,388.70

Interest on CD .60 for 04/31 and .62 for 05/31

Insurance renewal \$3,505.00, Recording Secretary \$90.00, Recording equipment for secretary \$159.99 with Homestead charges of \$19.99 twice. A motion was made by Laura Parisi, seconded by Steve Fuest to accept the Treasurer's Report. All members voted aye.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Maturo and Mary Bigelow discussed 2 mis-sent Comcast bills that residents tried to pay us instead of Comcast but that is now been taken care and processed. Chairman Maturo said we have appointment letters for Margo Hardenbergh, Mary Bigelow, Tom Dacey, Chad Roy and Laura Parisi. We had 2 payments for insurance, Madison and North Branford, Tom Dacey indicated that was received today. No other correspondence.

## OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

## NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Maturo said everyone received new dates and location of future meetings that was given out today at meeting. Mary had presented the council with dates for the 2014-2015 meetings. Madison meeting is scheduled for the summer. A motion was made by Tom Dacey, seconded by Joanne Wentworth to set the dates for the 2014-2015 year as presented. All voted aye.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Maturo said we are seeking volunteers to form a committee for list of speakers and one to deal with the by-laws. A discussion was held. The Bylaws Committee was formed with Margot Hardenberg, Mary Bigelow and Dan Morse volunteered. The Speakers Committee was formed with Laura Parisi and Joanne Wentworth.

## TOWN REPORTS

***North Haven:*** Walter Mann said that North Haven had graduation events that were taped and events went well. We have a few interns one from North Haven, one from Amity/Woodbridge High School, and one from Southern State Uni.. Government access channel was in the North Haven Fire

headquarters since 1988 but last year had to move out and tomorrow they move back in. Walter Mann is following emails about Frontier/AT&T from other access stations in Woodbridge, West Hartford and New Britain. There is hearings going on at state PURA regarding the telephone/internet/u-verse. PURA asked Frontier if they will honor contracts with AT&T regarding U-Verse (if approved) or will they have new contracts and Frontier (based in Stamford) indicated Yes, they will honor existing SNET contracts more specifically in regards to PURA 53 and 59 and stick with existing commitments and regulatory requirements. Then other questions were asked and overall Frontier will continue to do what AT&T has done.

Margot Hardenbergh for Branford: said she went through minutes of board and found two interesting things; they reduce the amount of required members from 16 to 12 and they are thinking of getting Fidelity Insurance to cover staff, employees and officers with signature authority up to \$50,000. They are very active with Branford festival and local TV programming and Michael Mann said they are waiting for a permit to have a larger editing suite.

Steve Fuest for Madison: Loaned out equipment to tape the high school graduations and footage looks good and will be shown. Doing sports like every year and 4<sup>th</sup> of July. AT&T rep came down and monitored T1 and fixed it and hope Frontier will do the same. He is still acting as treasurer for the MCTV.

Bill Biski for East Haven: Sad news long-time Manager Nicola left; Jin Lee, her assistant has stepped up and taken over. They are looking to film things happening in East Haven like 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Bill was thanked for filming part of Arts and Ideas Festival event in New Haven.

Tom Dacey for Wallingford: They just had their annual meeting with the election of a new president, a young person. Celebrating their 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Tom asked the council for advice on how to manage his incident with an opposing TV show host. Council offered suggestions to Tom.

Mary Bigelow for North Branford: TTV is now broadcasting on AT&T U Verse.

Chairman's request for Public Comments resulted in none being made.

The Chairman presented the slate of officers for the next year (Chairman: David Weinberg; Vice-Chairman: Mary Bigelow; Secretary: Joanne Wentworth; Treasurer: Tom Dacey). There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Steve Fuest, seconded by Chad Roy to accept the slate as presented. The slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee was voted in unanimously.

Joanne Wentworth presented the outgoing Chairman with a plaque of appreciation.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion from Laura Parisi, seconded by Steve Fuest at 8:30 pm.

Respectively submitted,  
Jaki Lauper