

CACSCC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 23, 2012

North Branford, CT

Please note: The meeting was taped by East Haven TV and the full details of meeting can be obtained from EH TV. The minutes from this meeting is abridged due to the detailed attachments of letters received and reports from treasurer.

In addition, the order of business was changed until a quorum was met to discuss and vote on business.

The Cable Advisor Council of South Central CT (CACSCC) meeting was called to order by Mary Bigelow.

Meeting Quorum: 7 members/4 Towns

Present at meeting: Chad Roy Branford, Bill Biski, East Haven, Joanne Wentworth & Mary Bigelow, North Branford, Tom Dacey & Laura Parisi, Wallingford, J.T. Tenczar, North Branford John Bairos, Comcast Representative.

Absent from meeting: Mark Minotti Chairman North Haven.

Guest and Host: Walter Mann, North Haven TV, Hugo Olguin, North Brandford, Sue Hoffman North Haven.

Public comments: There were no public comments at the meeting.

Comcast Reports: John Bairos gave the Comcast Report. Attached is the report he submitted. John discussed new items: They are getting awareness out to students and sponsoring the Wallingford Road Race.

John discussed updates and new line-ups including: The launch of new football programs Pac 12 and ESPN Goal line.

On Oct. 23rd WTNH will move to channel 8 swapping with the Home Shopping Network.

Comcast has started a self-help campaign for consumers on their website to help customers pay bills, schedule appointments, etc.

Laura Parisi asked if there were any non-sports channels. John stated a lot of the new channels are sports because of the NFL season starting.

Chairmen's Report: Mark M. will be sending a copy of the chairman's reports.

Mary then introduced Sue Hoffman, a guest interested in joining the council.

Correspondence: A letter was received from Mr. Cook from Branford. Mary stated, she is not sure what the problems are in Branford, but it does not concern the council and will not be addressed. The problems are internal matter within Branford.

Mary received the Northeast Courier and passed it around.

Old Business

Insurance:

- Mary stated a payment has still not been received from Guilford for their insurance coverage. Tom Dacey stated he was contacted by Shannon Gale and she will be sending in payment.
- Madison has not given their PURA Report, and she has not gotten a response from Abby White. Mary asked Walter Mann if he could contact Steve Fuest.

Website:

- Thomas Dacey is in charge of the website. Mary B. asked Tom to remove Merrill Yelnik, North Haven and Peter Hugret, Branford names from the website who are no longer members on the council.

New Business:

• Change in Town Representatives

- Mary Bigelow stated that according to the by-laws, any town with a population of 20,000 or more must have 3 town representatives in addition to the Education Appointment. So far North Branford and Madison have reached the number of representatives. In addition, Wallingford needs to have a library representative because they are the biggest town. A conversation was held questioning why the Education representatives are not counted in the number of appointee's for each town and what this will do to the Quorum of 4 towns and 7 members.

Minutes: Motions to except the minutes from the last meeting was from Joanne and 2nd from Laura Parisi. All approved.

Proposed Budget: Mary then turned the meeting over to Tom Dacey to give the proposed budget and treasurer report.

- Certificate of Deposit \$14,617.30
- Cash reserve \$ 18,945.45
- Proposed expenses \$4,961.00
- Total future deposits \$3,510.00
- Total proposed ending balance \$17,494.45

Motion was made Laura seconded by Joanne All approved *Attached is a copy of the Proposed Budget.*

Treasurer Report:

- Checking account balance is \$3,838.19
- CD account balance is \$14,634.27
- Total balance is \$18,472.46

Motion was made by Chad and 2nd by Laura All approved. *Attached is a copy of the treasure report.*

Other Business: Mary discussed a proposed letter to be sent to appointing bodies of the seven towns, saying who we are and how many members we need from each town. The letter will be personalized for each town and sent to the Mayor/1st Selectman of each town, stating how many representatives they need. Mary will send a draft to everyone and asked for any changes or additions to be sent to her. Mary asked for help in obtaining the addresses for each town.

Tom Dacey gave Mary Mayor Bill Dickinson's address at town hall.

Walter Mann supplied first selectman Mike Freda's address at North Haven town hall.

Walter also said he would acquire Guilford's and Madison's mailing address as well.

Chad supplied Branford's address.

Mary briefly discussed the research report we received from state representative Mary Mushinsky in regards to PEG Petia grant. Mary passed it around and also stated she would e-mail it to each member. Tom Dacey received it directly from Mary Mushinsky and forwarded it to Mary Bigalow and John Bairos.

Town Reports:

East Haven: had nothing new to report.

Wallingford: Tom Dacey gave the following report. WPAA has started airing local news segments of 1 to 2 min pieces hosted by Scott Sheehan; it's also on the WPAA website in their on demand menu. Scott Sheehan also hosted 2 hours of election coverage for the primary. They have a few shows that were on hiatus that are scheduled to return. (Energy Reading by Michele and Citizen Mike with Mike Brodinski)

Branford: Walt mentioned BCTV has a number of interns outside the brandford area. They also have an application for a PEG Petia grant they are waiting to hear on.

North Haven: Walt mentioned NHTV is busy and doing well, they will be doing their fundraiser again this year, the chowder booth at the North Haven Fair, on September 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th. They will also be doing the chowder booth at the fair ground's the following week September 15th & 16th for the Connecticut State Fire Fighters Convention.

Tom Dacey mentioned his annual Tommypalooza fundraiser that will take place on Saturday, November 3rd, at Jroo's restaurant in North Haven. All proceeds will benefit NHTV. Walt also mentions their fresh fruit fundraiser for the holidays.

North Branford: Hugo talked about the new upgrades of studio equipment they are working on. Hugo said they covered the three day North Brandford Potato Festival as well. He also mentioned getting new show's that are coming in the fall, building up the content of the channel. He's also waiting to hear back from the schools at the Community Transition Program. Hugo stated, with his experience working with students with needs at NHTV, he thought it would be a great program for North Brandford.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Tom Dacey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was 2nd by Chad and all was in favor.

Attachments submitted: *Treasurer Report, purposed budget, and article from Northeast Courier.*

*Submitted by:
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Recording Secretary
October 22, 2012*