

Cable Advisory Council South Central CT

Board Meeting – October 24, 2018

ETV – 400 Coe Avenue, East Haven, CT

Minutes 9 members 8 towns

Attending: Mary Bigelow [North Branford], John Woods [Madison], Michael Parisi [North Haven], Jacey Wyatt and Margot H [Branford], Laura Parisi [Wallingford], Rob Becker [East Haven], with David Weinberg [Guilford], Comcast rep Matt Skane

David Weinberg, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Melissa Morro agreed to act as recording secretary.

Jay Miles welcomed everyone on behalf of ETV and the Town of East Haven. Updated everyone on status of studio and loss of old employees, introduced Melissa Morro as new studio manager, Nick M. as book keeper, and working on new setups in studio.

Public comment: No comments

Speaker/PSA: There was no speaker or PSA scheduled.

Comcast report: October cyber security month. Trying to do education and provide materials for maneuvering. Partnered with connect safety.org. Internet essentials program expanded has the ability to touch a million veterans. Contract renewals, negotiation in the programming world.

Press release on the veterans program. Can send flyer, \$9.95 a month internet access and ability to buy laptops.

Minutes: Motioned to approve minutes. Jacey noticed name spelling incorrect as well as Matts last name. Rob, Motioned to approve, Laura accepts.

Guilford rep announces he is not moving. Everyone agrees it is good news.

Correspondence: Programming updates, no major network changes.

Rob asked about the classic arts showcase, fee came from comcast overrides educational programming schedule. Matt will find out and get back with more information. Is it still happening and who makes the decisions.

Some channels missing on phones and tablets, not available on Mobil devices. Matt relied about limits with tablets and iPads, will follow up on it.

Margot, signed up for comcast in the summer and was not able to record, didn't write a letter to the company but suggests they be a little clearer about what you get when you sign up. Consumer awareness as a take away for Matt.

Margo went to alliance of programmers and BCTV may be one of the smallest stations represented, in funds not so much subscribership. Learned a lot about how to use social media to reach youth and sign up with summer camps to get involved showing camera shots and technical skills. Most exciting local cable is providing news and how that's significant, In new jersey the public funds are not being used and made a case to use the funds for cable access news. That state is funding local cable access news. Did research into the New Haven area.

Treasurer's Report: Include in the minutes. No motion needed. Will send an email to get to everyone.

Unfinished business: P Reports due from Madison; insurance and payments.

PegP CT swept it again. Paying for it on their bills. Not supposed to be a tax but it ends up being a tax. Comcast should do reports on it. Matt replied saying it isn't just Comcast, there's been a lot of back and forth about it, its out of their hands. People do not know information on the situation or where the money goes, added to next agenda for further discussion.

Net neutrality was passed then voted out, other states said they would fight it. This is a good time to oppose. Can mention this to current candidates.

Public access for all, was brought up in the past. Tabled for next meeting.

Appointment letters: Mary didn't get copy. David will send info to her.

Appointment of cochair, Rob Becker.

Answer on past minutes and history of meetings? David will follow up, wasn't really asking for more information. Will get in touch with PURA for the information.

New Business:

Other business: None

Town Reports:

North Branford – All moved out, in the senior center currently. Town is moving slow, but their up in running currently. Not ready for December meeting switched with Guilford. New studio has a kitchen and planning a cooking show. The idea was presented to NB about renting space to other towns to hold cooking shows. One young man added to their board, he does programs and is very popular. Going to encourage him to keep working. Very busy in NB.

North Haven – Election night, Live election from Demo headquarters and Republicans at Fantasia. Did the North haven Fair and getting ready for the fair next year.

Branford – Had our bike tour, successful again. Getting ready for election coverage. Carried debates that were held in Guilford. Live election night coverage. Very excited and pleased to do it. In studio and sending out crews to both headquarters. Live Facebook feeds for it as well.

Guilford – Instructions to survey the council on fundraising strategies. Don't do much fundraising but want to create new ideas. Struggle to get money, had anonymous contributions. Looking at what happens if Comcast support dries up, what do we do, is there a function with YouTube as public access, what is our role with trying to continue. Enthusiasm for student contest again, students can try and raise money, suggested idea, a video-thon. They had a roof leak during the storms, trying to recover and get things fixed. Problems with the server, tightrope server since 2011, Aux power source failed, and been fighting for fixing the issues. Pegpedia funds research to help cover it. A lot of new board members, a new treasurer who is tied into the community heavily.

Madison – Nothing to report. Filming football.

East Haven – Changes in staff here, trying to get new programming and new producers, filming more sports. Working with frontier for monitoring circuit to make sure we don't go offline. Still working on streaming process for our content.

Public Comments: Idea for rentable space, charge dollars to a booth and that money would go back to funding for the organization. Air time for promoting their business, get involved with creating shows. Getting crews to go to the businesses and non profits, variety. Is there the staff to push the limit and handle the event? Funding can go towards that.

December 20th 725 Boston Post Road, Guilford Studio

February Meeting is NHTV

Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion approved. 8:19pm

Respectfully submitted;

Melissa Morro

Recording Secretary