

**Cable Advisory Council of South Central CT, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 248**  
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**MINUTES-February 23, 2017 at BCTV, Branford, CT**

**Attendance:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Margot Hardenbergh (Branford); Marie Jackowicz (East Haven), Donna Palmieri (East Haven), David Weinberg (Guilford), John Woods (Madison), Mary Bigelow (North Branford), Alden Mead (North Haven), Laura Parisi (Wallingford), Thomas Dacey-via Skype (Wallingford), John Bairos Ex-Officio(-Comcast)

**REGRETS:**

Steve Fuest (Madison), Michael Parisi (North Haven)

**GUESTS:**

Walter Mann (North Haven, North Branford & Branford); Michael Streeto -video recorder (East Haven)

**Call To Order:** David Weinberg called the meeting to order at 7:21pm. 7 towns and 9 members present. Welcome by Margot welcomed all to the BCTV studios, Branford, CT.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Comcast Report:** John Bairos (Comcast)

John delivered the Annual Payment of \$2,000 from Comcast. He reported that on March 14<sup>th</sup> Comcast will be removing the Esquire channel due to its content.

John reported that Comcast continues to provide more opportunities for interaction between the company and the public. They have arranged for UPS to be able to deliver equipment and Western Union is a location for paying bills, and now they also have arranged for the 7Eleven stores to be a place for paying bills.

David asked about the possibility of people being able to make up their own selection of channels to receive. John referred to that as *a la carte*, which studies have found to be more expensive for the customer. Instead Comcast has continuously been providing different tiers, or packages of channels.

Laura asked about packages for snow birds or seasonal packages; John reported there are arrangements and he will be glad to provide the details.

Laura also asked about a craft show, Create TV and PBS; John noted that both should be available to the viewer.

Tom Dacey reported that two Wallingford residents have presented problems to him about their cable service; One was about a wire being so low it's in front of the customer's unit, another resident at McKenna Court reported having bad wiring in her unit. John will be glad to look into these issues.

John also noted that Comcast viewers will be getting the Yes network back sometime this season.

**Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2016 CACSCC Meeting:**

Laura Parisi moved to approve the minutes with corrections of regrets...and Tom seconded.  
2 abstentions.

Minutes of December 22, 2016 CACSCC Meeting. After making two additions regarding who made or seconded motions Tom made the motion to accept the Dec. 22, 2016 minutes and Laura seconded the motion. The motion was carried with 3 abstention.

The corrections are as follows: Laura seconded the payment to Walter. Steve made motion to discontinue insurance subsidy ,and Laura seconded.

### **Chairman's Report:**

David reported on receipt of several letters from Lock and Lord regarding contract renewals and expirations. This information is available on a website-[www.xfinity.com/contractrenewals](http://www.xfinity.com/contractrenewals)

On March 5 2017 for Branford, WNET will discontinue its v-me service.  
And David acknowledge that the Check from Comcast has been delivered to the CACSCC.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom delivered it as follows via Skype and it was accepted.

DEPOSITS \$855.00  
EXPENSES \$43.98 (2 months website Now \$21.99)  
\$90.00 (Recording Secretary)  
\$40.00 (Walter Mann website upkeep)  
\$250.00 (ACM)

TOTAL EXPENSES \$423.98

CHECKING BAL \$4,393.55  
INTEREST ON CD 12/31 \$2.69 1/31 \$2.19  
CD BALANCE \$12,925.68  
TOTAL CASH RESERVE \$17,319.23  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
THOMAS E DACEY, TREASURER  
2-23-17

### **Old Business/Unfinished Business:**

Received insurance payment from No. Haven.

The Annual Reports from each PEG group in Guilford, Madison and Wallingford have been submitted and received by Mary Bigelow; the ones from North Branford, North Haven and Branford have been submitted to PURA online and are at the printers now.

There was discussion whether there is still the need for hard copies, in light of the online submissions being available for all to access. John Bairos reported that Comcast will accept digital copies. The chair will try to check with PURA that electronic only submissions are permissible.

### **New Business:**

Nominating ctte; David appointed Margot as chair and Laura Parisi as vice chair, and will report at the next meeting that those currently in office have agreed to serve in the same positions next year.

Laura asked about sharing programming between towns. David suggested we use a clearing house such as PegMedia.org to share program.

Other business: Mary presented the video competition being held by the East Shore League of Women Voters..."Vote, It Matters". She requested the Guilford, Madison and Branford representative take her publicity packets to their High School's A/V departments. There is prize money.

**Town Reports:**

North Haven – Alden reported that the New HD Robotic Cameras and Control Room are now active at the Town Hall. The Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance will start airing live, the facility is busy, there are 3 college interns participating at NHTV. Two new studio series have started: The Q Show with Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce, and Sound Session – a music show.

Guilford...David noted that they had just finished their student video contest...about to release the winners...on YouTube...7min was max. They have 11 interns, college and highschool, some with physical challenges who are benefitting from the attention of GCTV's access manager,

East Haven. Donna reported that they recorded Italian Festa for the Italian American Historical Society

North Branford reported that they have Installed a new Scala bulletin board system, new studio curtains being installed and more town meetings are being recorded.

David, as Chairman asked that each town offer a show that could be shared with the other towns at the next meeting, and that clips from the show could stand in for the speaker that each host town is supposed to be providing.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:**

Just before adjourning Liz Ferguson, President of the Board of BCTV was able to come in and welcome the guests .Tom Dacey moved to adjourn, and Donna Palmeria seconded, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned. 8:20pm.

Mary has a comment from Madison's station manager, Abigail White; she invites everyone to come to the next meeting early, enjoy the food.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margot Hardenbergh,  
Secretary for the meeting.