

**Cable Advisory Council South Central CT
Board Meeting – August 23, 2018
BCTV – 40 Kirkham Street, Branford, CT
Minutes [draft]**

Attending: Mary Bigelow [North Branford], Steve Fuest [Madison], Michael Parisi [North Haven], Jaycee Wyatt [Branford], Laura Parisi [Wallingford], Rob Becker [East Haven], with Dave Weinberg [Guilford] and Tom Dacey [Wallingford] attending via Skype. Also attending were BCTV president Terence Elton and Rob Baldo and Henry Pond from BCTV studio, and East Haven camera technician Mike Streeto??

Acting chair L. Parisi called the meeting to order at 7:14pm. T. Elton agreed to act a recording secretary.

T. Elton welcomed everyone on behalf of BCTV and the Town of Branford.

Public comment: No public comment was offered. J. Wyatt introduced herself as a newly appointed board member from Branford with experience in producing programs and an interest in receiving more training.

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

Comcast report: Matt Shane was not present, so no report was available. It was noted that Comcast's representative to CACSCC is required to attend only two meetings a year. At J. Wyatt's request, M. Bigelow provided Matt's email address. It was suggested that only one CASCC board member serve as the board's contact with Comcast.

Minutes: S. Fuest moved to accept the minutes from the June 23rd annual meeting. Seconded by T. Dacey, motion carried, with R. Becker and J. Wyatt abstaining.

Correspondence: Letters from the law firm Lock & Lord were read advising of expiration of programming events, no authorization to carry certain programs, that WCTX is no longer operating, terms being added to basic service, and that the tennis channel was being moved. A letter from M. Shane [Comcast] itemized PEGPETIA funding to Wallingford, Guilford, Madison and East Haven.

Chair L. Parisi welcomed three new members to the board, Rob Becker, Tom Pisani, and Jaycee Wyatt.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer T. Dacey reviewed the finances report itemizing expenses, income and balances. Responding to J. Wyatt's question about the CD account, S. Fuest provided a history of CACSCC's finances. T. Dacey will email insurance invoices; expenses for M. Hardenbergh's conference attendance in Baltimore will also be submitted.

Following brief discussion, S. Fuest moved to accept 2018-2019 budget as proposed. M. Parisi, seconded; motion carried with one abstention [J. Wyatt].

Unfinished business: S. Fuest provided the Frontier Council Report. Guilford and Madison still need to send CACSCC their PURA reports; D. Weinberg will follow up with Guilford. It was noted that by-laws have been updated. Legislative committee plans to push for PEGPETIA funding in the next session. Pixelation problem in Altece due to company overloading the bandwidth, possibly to create house calls for increased revenue; the AG's office has been contacted about it; discussion followed

regarding cause, remedy and service. Topics for Discussion: A request was made for any additional topics to discuss in addition to PEGPETIA, Net Neutrality, and Public Access for All.

Appointment letters are needed for M. Hardenbergh [Branford] and D. Weinberg [Guilford]. T. Elton will check with the Branford Selectman's office for the letter. D. Weinberg has received his and will ask Selectman's office to forward a copy to CASCC if it hasn't already done so.

New Business: D. Weinberg is moving out of state, calling for the appointment of a co-chair as back-up. Co-chair schedule for upcoming meetings are as follows:

October – M. Parisi; December – S. Fuest; February – tbd; April – J. Wyatt

Other business: none identified

Town reports: North Branford – studio moving to new location on Foxon Rd.; now taping BoE meetings live; Town Council meetings are now live on face book; a drone was used at the POCO Festival and at the PD lip sync event.

North Haven – Covered the PD lip sync event; Sal DeMaio is on Ch. 8 & 3; No. Haven fair comping up; Chowder Booth new store.

Branford - 4th annual Tour de Branford scheduled for September 23rd; planning coverage for election night; strategic plan underway.

Guilford – new board members are Elise Low, Fred Schultz, Zach Turner [also w/ E. Haven TV], James Romero is treasurer, and Rob McColl is secretary; a pre-election night briefing with candidates will minimize complaints; major equipment failures included APC backup failed and took down two carousels with APC denying coverage.

Madison – Football coverage Sept 8th with live feed all on battery; Kent is 83 yo and in his 34th year; Steve is treasurer.

East Haven – Rob is newly appointed to EHTV will have a booth at the EH festival.

Wallingford – no report provided.

Public comment: No public comment was offered.

L. Parisi noted that the Governor signed the 911 texting bill; David commended the chair on the meeting; L. Parisi noted that a Garlic Festival will be held in Bethlehem, CT.

L. Parisi announced that the next meeting will be October 23rd at EHTV. T. Dacey moved to adjourn; seconded by J. Wyatt, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted;

T. Elton
recording secretary *pro tem*