

Minutes

Date: 10/26/2017

Present:

Steve Fuest (Madison)

John Woods (Madison)

Mary Bigelow (North Branford)

Donna Palmieri (East Haven)

Margot Hardenbergh (Branford)

Laura Parisi (Wallingford)

David Weinberg (Guilford)

Recorder: Stephanie Scott

Town Updates:

Guilford – Hosting video contest for high school students.

Branford – Recently hosted the Tour de Branford and has successfully raised funds from the initiative. Presence in the community and awareness of the BCTV studio was positive. Recently showcased the scarecrows on the town green shown on BCTV. Coming up: First Selectman debates and live election coverage.

Madison – Covering high school football games and using livestream.com to livestream the games. Recently bought a new Nexus for the studio.

Sidebar: Recently learned a new regulation that starting 1/18/2019 any video coming from a town or government website needs to have closed captions.

East Haven – Recently hosted Halloween movie showing. Coming up: Trolley Museum exhibit and live election coverage.

North Branford – Recently hosted a candidate forum. Coming up: Purchasing a drone for studio use.

North Haven – Recently started streaming football games via Facebook Live.

7:31pm:

Correspondences

- Changed the PO Box from Dan Morris's name to David Weinberg's name.

-Complaint: Lack of privacy on mail return addresses for billings. (Mary)

-Laura met a woman from Milford TV (Kara Flannery) and invited her to attend this meeting because she was interested in getting more ideas on how to engage people with cable TV.

-Steve Fuest to get in contact with Kara Flannery.

7:38pm:

Discussion on Steve Fuest Motion

-Motion to adjust insurance provisions wording to: "The council provides up to \$2,100 for the insurance for our comprehensive policy for 2018"

-First: Steve

-Second: Donna

-None oppose

Motion passes.

Sidebar: All stations need to be notified to pay the \$580 for insurance. Moving forward, at the annual meeting we should offer the opportunity for other towns to participate.

7:46pm:

Motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting

-First: Steve

-Second: Mary

-None oppose

-Abstain: Donna and Margot

Motion passes.

7:49pm:

David's Update on Comcast

-ESPN Classic no longer available

-Channel name changes CSN New England, NBC Boston

-RLTV has been renamed Newsie

-Web page www.xfinitytv.com/contractrenewals is a site we can view with various contract providers

- Newly redesigned bill
- New section summarizing the monthly bill and detailed list of charges on the following page
- David Bogan is a point of contact listed

Treasurer's Report for 10/26/2017

- \$1,165 deposits (insurance payments; someone is owed \$5)
- \$5 has been donated by Madison
- \$43.98 expenses (2 months of website, Now \$21.99)
- \$90 (recording secretary)
- \$40 (Walter Mann website upkeep)
- \$94 (PO Box)
- TOTAL EXPENSES: \$267.98
- CHECKING BALANCE: \$3,546.23
- Interest on CD
- 8/31 \$2.19
- 9/30 \$2.12
- CD BALANCE: \$12,942.78
- TOTAL CASH RESERVE: \$16,489.01

Guilford Savings Account Update

Freedom Business Checking now called Business Checking

- Requires online statements
- Account will receive the first 100 items free of charge
- 40 bill payments free per month
- Access to view business and consumer accounts
- All executive committee members to have access to the account

8:04pm:

Mary Bigelow Report

- North Haven owes their annual report
- Look into time limit in Record Retention Policy
- Opportunity to explore only digital copies of the annual report.

8:08pm:

Frontier Report from Steve Fuestes

- Attended meeting and there is an effort to try and reinstate PEGPETIA
- There is an interest to change policy that whatever service community members subscribe to, they will pay the public access fee as part of their subscription. This would address community members who are "cord-cutting."
- Steve to circulate the meeting minutes from the Frontier meeting

8:12pm:

Public Comments

(no comments)

8:14pm:

Motion to adjourn

- First: Laura
- Second: John
- None oppose.

Motion passes.