

**Cable Advisory Council of South Central CT, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 248**  
**Northford, CT 06472-0248**

**MINUTES-OCTOBER 27, 2016**

**Attendance:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marie Jackowicz (East Haven), Donna Palmieri (East Haven), David Weinberg-Via Skype (Guilford), Steve Fuest (Madison), John Wood (Madison), Mary Bigelow (North Branford), Mike Parisi (North Haven), Alden Mead (North Haven), Laura Parisi (Wallingford), John Bairos Ex-Officio-Comcast)

**REGRETS:**

Thomas Dacey-via Skype (Wallingford), Margot Hardenbergh (Branford), Chad Roy (Branford)

**GUESTS:**

Janet Betta (North Haven), Walter Mann (North Haven), Dan Morris (North Haven)

**Call To Order:** Mary Bigelow (Vice-Chairman) called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Dan Morris NHTV/North Haven President, welcomed everyone to the NHTV Studios.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Comcast Report:** John Bairos (Comcast) thanked NHTV/North Haven for hosting this meeting and for the hospitality.

**C-SPAN Student Camps Competition:**

C-SPAN is looking for entries. Topic is: "Your Message to Washington." Entry deadline is 1-20-17.

**Comcast "Leaders & Achievers":**

Comcast to award \$1,000 scholarship to high school seniors. Deadline is 11-1-16. In 2015, Comcast awarded scholarships to 40 students.

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**Programming Updates:**

-OWN Network added in HD on 9-20-16.

-PIVOT Network ceasing operations shortly.

-Comcast is starting an equipment swap on 1-24-17 with DCT Tuners. Letters being sent to subscribers.

-Comcast has partnered with Netflix, much like Frontier has. Netflix will be available on the Comcast boxes to those who are Netflix subscribers.

**Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2016 CACSCC Meeting:**

Laura Parisi moved to approve the minutes. John Woods seconded. Donna Palmieri, Marie Jackowiz and Alden Mead abstained. Motion carried.

**Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Weinberg stated he had filed the CACSCC Annual Report with PURA.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

#### **EXPENSES:**

- Paid \$90.00 (recording secretary).
- Paid \$82.00 P.O. Box
- Total Expenses: \$172.00

#### **INCOME:**

- CD Interest was \$2.18 as of 8/31/16, and April, \$2.11 as of 9/30/16.
- Checking Account Balance: \$3,526.51
- CD Account Balance: \$12,917.00
- Total Cash Reserves: \$16,443.51

### **Correspondence:**

- Re-Appointment Letters for CACSCC Members were received for the following individuals:

\*Marie Jackowicz (East Haven)

- Advertisement from Comcast regarding their internet service.
- Alliance for Community Media (ACM): Paid \$250.00 (covers CACSCC Membership).

### **Old Business:**

- CACSCC Media Liability Insurance payments received from Madison TV and Guilford TV. Payments still needed from other groups.

-Further discussion on WPAA issue (public allowed/not allowed in studio during show tapings). No action taken.

### **Frontier/Statewide Council Report:**

Steve Fuest said the primary issue discussed at the most recent meeting was regarding the ongoing Skye-TV(Waterbury) –vs- Wolcott situation. Discussion ensued.

### **New Business:**

- Website Updating: Discussion ensued. Steve Fuest made a motion to pay \$240 per year for website updates and maintenance (it has been done at no charge for a number of years). Laura Parisi seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mike Parisi mentioned that he felt CACSCC should have a Facebook presence. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that Mike Parisi would start work on developing a CACSCC Facebook presence.
- Laura Parisi mentioned the Ethnic Heritage Center will be conducting walking tours of Lower Dixwell Avenue. Discussion ensued and all agreed this would make a great TV program.

### **Town Reports:**

-MCAG/Madison: Steve Fuest said they are now in the midst of their 32<sup>nd</sup> year of taping Hand High School Football games.

-ETV/East Haven: Donna Palmieri stated that ETV will be running a Halloween classic movie marathon during the last half of October. Additional live shows are planned (the first in 3 or 4 years). ETV is planning a Thanksgiving special at the Trolley Museum and/or one of the local schools. The Annual Tree Lighting will also be aired, and various programs centered on the upcoming election are being planned.

-BCTV/Branford: Walter Mann mentioned that BCTV held it's Second Annual "Tour de Branford" 15 and 40 mile bicycle tour on 9-25-16. The fundraiser raised about \$8,000.00 for BCTV. Three debates are being taped (Two 12<sup>th</sup> District and one 102<sup>nd</sup> District). BCTV was well-represented with its own "Scarecrows on the Branford Green" display recently. BCTV is doing live, local election coverage again this year.

-NHTV/North Haven: Michael Parisi (North Haven) stated that NHTV has installed all of the equipment garnered from a grant in the amount of \$19,000.94 from Frontier Communications. NHTV plans to start airing selected Town of North Haven meetings live later this year or in January. As well, live election coverage is planned for 11/8/16 (NHTV has been doing annual live local election coverage since 1989). NHTV's Fruit Fundraiser is underway for the holidays.

-WPAA/Wallingford: No report.

-Totoket TV/North Branford: Walter Mann stated that Totoket TV is taping the 86<sup>th</sup> District Debate on 11-1-16 at Evergreen Woods. Also, Totoket TV will be carrying the live, local election coverage from BCTV/Branford on election night, which will also cover races in North Branford. Mann said a new HyperDeck was installed at North Branford High School Media Center, as a result of a Frontier grant.

-GCTV/Guilford: David Weinberg stated GCTV has a new Board Member (Assistant of the Guilford Library). Weinberg stated they taped the 9-21-16 International Day of Peace program at the U.N. Weinberg said they are planning local election coverage as well.

**Committee Reports:**

-None

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:**

Laura Parisi made a motion to adjourn. David Weinberg seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Walter L. Mann