

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

MINUTES-February 22, 2018

Attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Weinberg (Guilford), Steve Fuest (Madison), John Woods (Madison), Mary Bigelow (North Branford), Alden Mead (North Haven), Laura Parisi (Wallingford), Donna Palmieri (East Haven), Thomas Dacey (Wallingford-Via Skype), Elise Low (Guilford) (9 Members with 6 Towns present). Quorum met.

REGRETS:

Margot Hardenbergh (Branford), Michael Parisi (North Haven)

GUESTS:

Walter Mann (North Haven), Mike Streeto (East Haven)

Call To Order: David Weinberg(Chairman) called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. Mary Bigelow welcomed everyone to the Totoket TV Studios.

Public Comment: None.

Comcast Report: None. Matt Skane (Comcast) not present.

Guest Speaker: None.

Approval of Minutes of December, 2017 CACSCC Meeting:

Chairman Weinberg asked if there were any comments or corrections to Minutes. There were none. Steve Fuest made a motion to approve. Laura Parisi seconded. Chairman Weinberg said motion passed unanimously (including vote via telephone from CACSCC member Thomas Dacey).

Correspondence:

- Locke & Lord (Comcast); Launched WRDM-HD (1051), Moved WTIC-TV to Limited tier (935 & 1181) (Basic Customers). January 18, 2018 Spike TV re-branded as The Paramount Network.
- Locke & Lord (Comcast): Notice of Programer Contract Renewals and Website.
- Alliance for Community Media (ACM): Request for Dues \$250.00.
- Locke & Lord (Comcast): Notice of addition of FOX Sports 1 & FOX Sports 2 to Economy Service Tier. Newsy channel (1498) moved to 1114 as part of Digital Preferred pack.
- Comcast: Receipt of \$2,000.00 (annual statutory funding for Cable Advisory Council).

Treasurer's Report:

- Report distributed. Total Cash Reserves: \$16,865.40. Checking Balance: \$3,908.27. CD Balance: \$12,957.13.
- Treasurer (Dacey) reported all bills have been paid to date.

EXPENSES: See Treasurer's Report.

Frontier/Statewide Council Report:

Steve Fuest said the next Statewide Video Advisory Council (SVAC) meeting is scheduled for 2/28/18. He will be attending.

Other Business:

-Record Retention: This issue was discussed thoroughly. A motion was made ((Fuest) with a second (Dacey) to have Mary Bigelow and Walter Mann review all CACSCC documents in file cabinets in basement of North Haven American Legion and discard those not needed. Motion carried unanimously. In addition to hard copy file retention, digital retention was also discussed.

-PEGPETIA Grant Program: Walter Mann provided an update on the program (no funds currently available) and stated a Bill has been submitted by State Representative David Yaccarino (R-87-North Haven) to restore funds.

New Business:

-Chairman Weinberg discussed the latest on the issue of Net Neutrality. In effect, while it is now law, there is still a chance it could be reversed.

-Laura Parisi mentioned the Ethnic Heritage Center at SCSU is having a puppet show on March 24, 2018 and they are looking for someone to tape it.

Town Reports:

-BCTV/Branford: Walter Mann mentioned that they currently have one intern. Mann stated that the amount of new content has increased over the last six to eight months, due to staff changes at the BOE. He stated BCTV was able to work with Comcast to provide us with a feed via their router, of satellite-fed Classic Arts Showcase (ARTS) that was no longer available for us to receive on DishNet. Mann said BCTV is now regularly airing Town meetings from Branford Fire HQ on Facebook. We have received some good feedback so far. The meetings of course continue to air live on BCTV. He said Frontier recently notified all PEG operators in Connecticut that they will be eliminating the "channel 99" app and, instead, giving a specific "linear" channel to each PEG channel in Connecticut. Thus, as of 2-14-18, BCTV's three channels on Frontier Vantage TV will be on channels 6004, 6005 & 6006. BCTV's channel positions on Comcast Xfinity remain the same as they are (18, 19 & 20). "99" will go away by 3-14-18. Some issues were experienced with the change, but working with Frontier, BCTV was able to get them resolved within a week.

-Totoket TV/North Branford: Mary Bigelow stated that Totoket TV has a brand-new, in-studio talk show series focusing exclusively on North Branford and she has had some great feedback from viewers. She also said in addition to other meetings, Totoket TV is now taping Board of Education Meetings.

-NHTV/North Haven: Alden Mead (North Haven) stated that NHTV's Annual PURA Report (2016) was filed on 2-19-18 as required. A hard copy will be forwarded to the CACSCC shortly. Mead said NHTV had tremendous positive response in televising the North Haven High School Football Home Games. Sponsorship income was a little less in 2017 than in 2016. These funds paid for labor costs to televise the games. HB Communications let us borrow a LiveU Solo Unit to also do the games LIVE on Facebook, which worked well. We also borrowed the LiveU for NHTV Election Night coverage, which worked great. We hope to purchase a LiveU Solo (\$1,350) so we can do more things live on Facebook and other platforms. We are now starting to solicit funds for football sponsors for this fall's games. He said NHTV has one intern, from SCSU. Mead said NHTV will be taping the 2018 North Haven Educational Foundation Spelling Bee on April 26th, and we just taped the First Selectman's State of the Town Address 2-22-18. Mead stated that the Board of Selectmen meetings that air LIVE on Comcast & Frontier, are now also airing LIVE on Facebook at: Facebook.com/MyNHTV (utilizing the Tricaster's ability to feed live to Facebook). He also said NHTV is once again taping the 3/9/18 Dancing Under The Stars at Anthony's Ocean View. The event benefits the Ronald McDonald House (RMH).

-MCAG/Madison: Steve Fuest said they are uploading Town meetings to YouTube due to YouTube offering free closed-captioning. This helps address some of the issues with the requirements of the updated Americans with Disabilities Act.

-ETV/East Haven: Donna Palmieri stated that ETV is focused right now on getting video on demand working.

-GCTV/Guilford: David Weinberg stated GCTV is getting ready for their third annual student video contest. And they are looking at doing stuff live on Facebook.

-WPAA/Wallingford: No report. Thomas Dacey added he is getting ready to celebrate twenty-four years of his Talking With Tom program (now airing live on Facebook). His next show will originate from American Steamed Cheeseburgers.

Public Comment: None. Reminder: Next CACSCC Meeting is April 26, 2018 at ETV/East Haven.

Adjournment:

Tom Dacey made a motion to adjourn. Laura Parisi seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm. Chairman Weinberg said motion passed unanimously (including vote via telephone from CACSCC member Tom Dacey).

Respectfully submitted,



Walter L. Mann