

**Cable Advisory Council of South Central Connecticut
Minutes for 12/20/18 Meeting**

Location

Guilford Community Television
725 Boston Post Road
Guilford, CT 06437

Present

Rob Becker, Mary Bigelow, Tom Dacey, Elise Low, Alden Meade, Laura Parisi, Mike Parisi,
Tom Pisani, David Weinberg, John Woods

Shannon Gale – Recording Secretary

Call to Order

7:07pm

Opening Remarks

David welcomed the Council to GCTV.

Public Comments

None.

Comcast Report

None sent.

Speaker

None.

Secretary's Report

Minutes reviewed. Motioned to accept 10/24/18 meeting minutes. Rob motioned to amend minutes and John second to accept minutes. Mary offered the following corrections to the minutes. Tom Dacey abstained. All others accepted the amended minutes.

-Under attending: Hardenbergh

-Under Comcast Report: safety

-Under Minutes: Matt's, motioned, seconds

-Under Correspondence: Comcast, Mobile, replied, Comcast, Margot, as, New Jersey

-Under Unfinished Business: PURA, PegPedia, add comma(,) after passed.

-Under New Business: add the word None.

-Under Town Reports

North Branford: they're, and

North Haven: Dem.

Guilford: "tightrope", PegPetia

East Haven: Frontier

-Under February Meeting: at

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New member Tom Pisani introduced himself. He is an employee for Branford Board of Education. He has an extensive background in television and radio; audio engineer for musicians & television; a musician himself. His current position is Systems Administrator for Branford Board of Education. Tom shared his most challenging and most gratifying experiences in his work. David asked about the kind of internships that should be given to interns in order to move forward in the world. Tom talked about work ethic; whether paid or unpaid. There needs to be a willingness to learn and be available. Need to teach them to take the bad with the good, deal with different personalities and general etiquette.

All other members introduced themselves and welcomed Tom to the group.

Chairman's Report

David Weinberg shared price changes to Comcast services. David shared a notice received regarding programming changes to CPTV Create, FS2 and FS1. Also adding AFRO to Digital Preferred service but not in our franchise. EVINE live is moving channels. Channel updates for Digital Preferred per notice from Comcast.

I 24 news launched for Digital Preferred customers with 1 set top box. Also launching News Max TV in mid-December. FUSE programming will no longer be carried in 2019.

A question was asked about items of concern brought up to the Comcast Rep. David to follow up with him.

A letter was sent to Comcast by a viewer who expressed interest in not wanting to pay for the sports fee. Matt from Comcast reported the issue has been resolved through the Escalation Department. Accommodations were made.

Another letter was sent from a viewer regarding work done in their home by Comcast. After brief service work she received a package in the mail with instructions on how to put it together herself. In addition, she indicated her bill was raised. She expressed concerns about lack of service and increased prices.

Another letter expressing concerns about issues getting in touch with Comcast.

Mary is waiting to hear from Matt on his response regarding these letters.

Treasurer Report

Tom Dacey indicated invoices should have been received for insurance. No questions on report.

Tom emailed insurance info but will send out a reminder as only one invoice was paid.

Rob to follow up with East Haven. Walter was emailed invoices for Branford, North Haven and North Branford.

PEGPETIA

No news about its' status. No news on a date as to when we will hear about its' status. Everyone was encouraged to contact their representative. Likely nothing will be known until January.

CT Network Neutrality Legislation

There was discussion of the State and Federal bill. Nothing to report.

Article about FCC rule change discussed. The rule would limit fees collected for PEG stations. Published November 25th. Members to look into it and what the next steps are.

Motion to authorize David to send letter to FCC opposing ruling. Tom motioned, Laura 2nd. All approved with no abstentions.

Public access for all; a discussion about asking ISPs to provide fees for PEG. Need some clarification about if that is what public access for all means. Clarification from Steve needed.

New Business

Co chairs. Discussion of revolving co-chairmanship. Volunteer needed for next two months. Co-chair to be pulled in on issues that happen between meeting. Motion made by Rob to have Steve as co-chair. Laura 2nd. All approved.

Other Business

Laura - FUSE down by 10000 viewers. Stats found online for last few years.

Town Reports

Wallingford

Laura and Tom. Nothing to report. Susan Huizenga mentioned in Net Neutrality article in addition to Walter Mann.

Branford

No report. Content provided by school.

Guilford

David - Town asked GCTV to investigate real time streaming. Tom from Branford shared details of their setup.

After discussion Laura suggested hosting a workshop on technical issues surrounding streaming technology.

Tom from Branford volunteered to coordinate the workshop and host at Branford High School. Looking at April and May in the evening. Shannon and Laura to assist.

East Haven

- Still working on streaming process. Two games streamed last year via Education channel. No news on Classic Arts Show Case or from Frontier on monitoring circuit.

North Branford

Almost setup after their move. Will host Annual Meeting in June.

North Haven

Everything running smoothly. Held a successful fundraiser.

Public Comments

None.

Next meeting is February 28 at North Haven.

Motion to adjourn. Tom D. motioned. Laura 2nd. All in favor.

Adjourned 8:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Shannon Gale