

**CACSCC MEETING**

**12/15/2011**

**NORTH HAVEN**

**The meeting was called to order by President Mark Minotti at 7 p.m. at North Haven TV.**

**Meeting Quorum: 5 towns, 8 Members**

**Those present were: Mark Minotti and Merrill Yelenek, North Haven; Mary Bigelow and Joanne Wentworth, North Branford; Chad Roy and Peter Hugret, Branford; Bill Biski, East Haven; Tom Dacey, Wallingford; and John Bairos, Comcast Representative.**

**Guests attending were: Dan Morris, Janet Betta, Walter Mann, Mary Minotti and John Gingras, North Haven; and Mike Streeto, East Haven.**

**At this point, Mark asked for John Bairos' report.**

**John Bairos told the board that the Process of the Enhancemet project had been completed. The company has done a complete digital upgrade, including channel lineup, the Spanish channels, TV Guide, Country Music TV and digital preferred. Also, a letter of complaint from Wallingford was given to John from Tom Dacey which will be investigated. Also investigated was a complaint regarding a high definition box which was needed.**

**Mark commended John for contacting him during the recent storm regarding the loss of power, noting that John was very proactive. Mary asked if Comcast had settled the e-mail problems. The League of Women Voters also has a problem with e-mail. John asked her to send him a letter with regard to this and he will investigate the problem.**

**Chad Roy questioned John with regard to the soccer channel.**

**Merrill asked how the storm affected Comcast. John said that the Central Connecticut Valley was more affected than the Eastern area.**

**Comcast was in constant contact with Town Officials, Public Works and CEO's, noting that the loss of trees was really devastating, some of which were 100 years old. Merrill noted that Comcast was really responsive to the towns.**

**The board received a letter from Robinson & Cole, regarding the BBC America channel lineup. The BBC World News channel will begin on December 20<sup>th</sup>.**

### **MINUTES**

**The October 27, 2011 minutes were reviewed. One correction was made: Under Comcast Report: 1st sentence should read: John Bairos began by presenting a Schedule of new Digital Network Enhancement. Following review, Peter Hugret moved, seconded by Merrill Yelenak, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed with one absention, Chad Roy who was not at the October meeting.**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**The Treasurer's report for October 27, 2011 was reviewed by Treasurer Tom Dacey.**

**Tom noted that the balance in the checking account was \$3,499.12. The savings account balance was \$14,609.94**

**Tom also reviewed the December 15, 2011 Treasurer's Report.**

**The checking account balance for this report was \$2,598.15. The savings account balance was \$14,614.182.**

Following review, Chad Roy moved, seconded by Joanne Wentworth, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mark reported that he had signed the bank papers for the debit card so we can pay for the website.

He also stated that he had sent a copy of the insurance policy to all Pegs.

Also, he has received a request from the Alliance for Community Media requesting a donation. He sent it around to all members and will bring it up later in the meeting for a vote.

Regarding the website, which is: [cableadvisorycouncilscc.org](http://cableadvisorycouncilscc.org), Mark will send the council minutes to Rob to post on the website.

There was no new business.

#### **TOWN REPORTS**

Peter Hugret, of Branford, reported that he had met with First Selectman Unk DaRos and reported that the new firehouse is scheduled to be finished by the end of July. He also noted that all of their buildings have fiber in them.

Tom Dacey, reported that he had received an e-mail stating that Wallingford has a new feature. They are now promoting a "free speech square" in which they leave cameras up from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight where anyone can comment or discuss anything they want. Walter felt that this could have some privacy issues. Mark felt we should send them an e-mail stating that this should be monitored. John Bairos asked Tom for a copy of the e-mail.

**Bill Biskis questioned John as to why he was seeing blue on his TV. John will check on it and let him know.**

**Walter reported that the live election coverage went very well in Branford and North Haven. They received many good comments about the coverage. Tom noted that he is doing his 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show in January,**

**Mary Bigelow noted that North Branford was very busy discussing their future vision. They are looking for other quarters. The School has offered space in the auditorium. Their present lease expires 10/2012. She also reported that Mary Lyons, of Branford, has resigned.**

**At this time. Mark asked the Council if they wanted to donate to the Alliance for Community Media. Following discussion, Tom Dacey moved, seconded by Joanne Wentworth to donate \$50.00 to the Alliance. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting is February 22, 2012 in East Haven.**

**Respectively submitted.**

**Joanne Wentworth**