



Date: **04/17/08**  
 Scheduled Time: **7:00 -9:00 PM MONTHLY** Location: **Totoket - Branford**  
 Call to Order **7:15 PM** Adjourn **8:45 PM Motioned by B. B. Seconded by F.F.**  
 Roll Call **4 towns/entities, represented by 7 Members** [Quorum: 4 Towns, 7 Members]

#	Attendees	Town	✓	#	Attendees	Area	✓
	John Elliott	Branford				North Haven	
		Branford				North Haven	
		Branford				North Haven	
		Branford BOE				North Haven BOE	
	Marie Saddig	East Haven	✓		Mary Bigelow	North Branford	✓
	Bill Golambiski (aka) Bill Biski	East Haven	✓			North Branford	
	Frances Foley	East Haven	✓			North Branford BOE	
		East Haven BOE			Chairman Huizenga	Wallingford	✓
	Joel Parker	Guilford	✓		Beth DeVaney	Wallingford	R
	Treasurer Garofalo	Guilford	✓			Wallingford	
		Guilford				Wallingford BOE	
		Guilford BOE					
		Madison			Ron	No. Branford	
		Madison				Guest 3	
		Madison BOE				Guest 4	
4	Ken Donadio	Library				Guest 5	
	John Bairos	Company-COMCAST				Guest 6	

Legend: ✓ attend, R regrets, N No Status, P proxy provided

----- AGENDA TOPICS -----

	Subject	Lead	In Brief
1	Roll Call / Welcome Public Comments	Chairman Site Representative	Quorum, Guest from Totoket TV Board
2	Log of Correspondence	Chairman	DPUC Reports/ WPAA Petition to DPUC/Hartford Advisory Council invite for April 23
3	Review / Accept Minutes	Advisors	quorum
4	Executive Committee Report	S.H./ C.S./P.G	Insurance. Treasurer Rpt. Chairman
5	Comcast Report	J. Bairos	Attending due to schedule change
6	Deferred / Old Business (Including Committee Reports)	Advisors	State Legislation
7	New Business / Town Reports	Advisors	-Town Reports

----- MEETING MINUTES -----

Description	
1	Roll Call / Welcome  Roll called. People were welcomed by Totoket TV Chairman Richard Bigelow
2	Annual Report from Madison, Branford and North Haven received.  Alliance for Community Media sent notices that we haven't been renewed. Treasurer says he has not seen a bill. Chairman Gives the treasurer Treasurer the bill, the bill from the secretary of state for \$25 and the banking notices. Treasurer says that last year they paid the Alliance for Community Media \$800. And the year before it was \$575. Chairman says she believes the budget

	<p>is around \$1,000. Treasurer says he thinks that is right. Treasurer brings up question about a 1200 dollar payment to Alliance – he believes it might have been for the conference and Chairman agrees because she did not remember paying this years membership and would have had different receipts if she had done so. Chairman asks if Alliance should be paid at the budgeted amount. Treasurer championed paying only the 500 dollar amount. Chairman explains the benefits of paying the minimum of 800 dollars to Alliance. In terms of member services you aren't gaining anymore but you are supporting the Alliance itself and what it does for the community. Marie (ETV) speaks up for paying them for budgeted amount because we need a uniting group to represent Community Access and they only survive on support from groups like us. Marie (ETV) motioned to pay the budgeted amount of \$1150 which is double the basic affiliate membership. Frances seconded the motion. All were in favor without any objection of abstention.</p> <p>Treasurer's report. Total projected surplus after expenses – 17,800 dollars give or take. Chairman notes that it doesn't include revenue from billing the local pegs for Insurance. ETV new address. They just relocated to 400 Coe Avenue mailing address is the po box 120363 east haven ct 06512. (in process of moving still) 7TownTV web updates needed for this and new advisor info.</p> <p>Chairman brings up correspondence to which CACSCC was copied. It was WPAA Petition to DPUC. She describes how the 41 south main street acquisition situation was responded to by the Mayor indicating that the lack of dividing PEG funds 3 way in Wallingford was a 'gift' from Town to WPAA. Recording Sect'y reads WPAA Petition to the Advisors as copies were not available.</p> <p>ETV representatives explain that with many changes in administrations ETV Board has decided to pay staff to tape meetings to safeguard the content. Chairman Huizenga explained the PEG group is not intended to be producer of content and the town should be underwriting this cost.</p> <p>Discussion: WPAA request for an Advisory Ruling references why this did not get referred to CACSCC and it was agreed that CACSCC would have had to refer it on to DPUC given that CACSCC position was already represented by the Chairman. It was also agreed that a ruling on this would hopefully clarify several questions</p> <p>ETV reports that they have paid staff to video tape town meetings. Chairman explains that they should not have to pay for this. Marie discusses the difficulty of dealing with different political administrations and the benefits of staying apolitical.</p>
3	<p>Add Frances to the name minute template and correct March Minute. She had attended. that was corrected) Accepting the minutes for the march meeting - Motion by Frances Second by Marie</p>
4	<p>Accepted Treasurer's Report as submitted. Reviewed that Recording Sect'Y would be leaving country in June and would need to be replaced. Approved follow-up with Freddie Barboza of Wallingford for the position.</p>
5	<p>No Comcast report. Meeting date change impacted Comcast opportunity to attend.</p>
6	<p>HB5814 Updates. <b>Chairman reminds there will be a meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in East Hartford about HB 5814. Sponsored by Hartford Council. \$20 reimbursable expense if you attend.</b></p> <p><b>Chairman begins to discuss HB 5814 – they have not made the u-verse amendments suggested by a group of PEG representatives. This bill started by CACSCC identifying a limit on guaranteed Channel capacity in October. In raising this to PEG and eventually Energy Tech Committee we were advised that a legislative fix would be pursued. (Initially Chairman was advised that I was wrong by AGTAG and Rep. Fontana.)</b></p> <p><b>Marie describes the “can't find the public access channel” problem with U-verse Technology. Main</b></p>

	<p>audience such as senior citizens will be lost in the transition to new channel which is so difficult to find and access.</p> <p>Dan reads Amendment LCO no 4373 out loud – gave Marie the copy as she left. This document used new terminology that makes it unclear as to whom is impacted. It could mean Ed &amp; Gov could break-away from community channels and demand funding. Follow-up to Advisors post April 23rd Meeting is requested.</p>
7	<p>Preparing for the Annual meeting. Given our current size establishing committees is difficult. Requested motion to Nominations activity at this meeting. Current Officers confirmed willingness to continue if re-appointed. Marie of ETV agreed to accept nomination for VP/Sec. Motion to have this slate for Annual Meeting. Alternate slate can be proposed from floor as needed.</p> <p>Discussion of terms coming due. Take same approach as before unless notified in writing of replacement advisors terms will be extended another two years.</p> <p>It is decided that the best action would be to ask Comcast to write to the elected officials where advisors are coming to the end of their terms and ask for reappointments as well as filling of vacancies to follow Legislative session end as passage of HB5814 will potential change candidate pool.</p> <p>What do we want to do for our annual meeting?? Invite <b>Sharon S. Kleinman QU Professor</b>. Her subject matter: history of communication technologies is of particular interest as the consumers we represent are getting media blitzed about bundled 'phone-Internet-TV'. Dan host of On the Parade Ground is available to be interviewer if the date is earlier than June 20.</p> <p>Get permission to show the annual meeting on all cable channel 18's. Need to follow up with Comcast to get router support for that night if we do get a guest. If we don't get a guest. Do a website walk through as the focus of the meeting.</p> <p>Joel asks insightful question about if we have a role beyond PEG to serve customer. He expressed that 'bundling' policy is not customer friendly. He was encouraged to pursue and report back on his experience and finding. Chairman indicated that legislative activity was driving our agenda of late – but we have been more consumer focused in recent years than under prior leadership.</p>
8	No public comments. Adjourn.

----- NEXT STEPS / ACTION ITEMS -----

	Description	Assigned To	Due Date
1	Due to ETV relocation update website with new address info	Chairman	Next Day After this Meeting
2	Advisors will review web sites for privacy policy page.	Each advisor	By Next Meeting
3	Monitor DPUC Docket	Chairman	As needed
4	Put insurance document on website so it can be downloaded when disclosure rec'd	Chairman	
5	Contact prospective Annual Meeting Speaker	Chairman	ASAP
6	Pay ACM and State Inc Bill	Treasurer	ASAP
7	Attend HB5814 Meeting	Marie/Susan	April 23
8	Joel to pursue and document issues related to bundling.		