



Date: **01/22/09**
 Scheduled Time: **7:00 -9:00 PM MONTHLY** Location: **No Branford TV**
 Call to Order **7:09 PM** Adjourn **8:45 PM Motioned by JE, Seconded by MB**
 Roll Call **5 Towns/entities represented by 10 members [Quorum: 4 Towns, 7 Members]**

#	Attendees	Town	✓	#	Attendees	Area	✓
	John Elliott	Branford	✓		Not represented	North Haven	
	Peter Hugret	Branford	✓			North Haven	
	Pete Lombard	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			Susan Huizenga	Wallingford	✓
	Joel Parker	Guilford	✓			Wallingford	
	Pete Garofalo	Guilford	✓			Wallingford	
		Guilford				Wallingford BOE	
		Guilford BOE			Not Represented	Library	
	Not represented	Madison					
		Madison					
		Madison BOE					
4	John Bairos	Company- COMCAST	✓				

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	Welcome – new advisors.
2	Log of Correspondence	Chairman	Chairman Updates
3	Review / Accept Minutes	Advisors	Oct 2008 Minutes & action
4	Executive Committee Report	S.H./ C.S./P.G	YearEnd Op Statement & CD
5	Comcast Report	J. Bairos	Comments on digital conversion, consumer item, Legislation and FCC
6	Deferred / Old Business (Including Committee Reports)	Advisors	Town Report – Highlights for 7TownTV.org PEGPETIA U-Verse Tech Options Phone Meetings.
7	New Business / Town Reports	Advisors	Ratify 2008 Report Legislation- any action to be taken HB 5095 ACM Membership – rate Committees (i.e. Web site, Annual Mtg)
8	Public Comments & Adjournment		Motion by JE Seconded by PG

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

Description	
1	Meeting hosted by North Branford Town. Welcome New Branford Advisors: Peter Hugret, . Peter Lombard. Individual introductions by each member for the benefit of the new members.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bank Statements and CD Maturity Notice b. PEGPETIA info via dpuc@7TownTV.org registration for docket updates c. Channel Program Changes d. SVC correspondence on meeting schedule, by-laws etc. e. Confirmation of Branford Appointees f. ACM NorthEast Membership Renewal

	<p>g. CACSCC 2008 Annual Report Reminder & Submission</p>
3	<p>a. Hard copies of Oct meeting minutes are available via Website. Reference copy available for review at meeting.</p> <p>b. Motion to accept by JE. Seconded by MB. Adopted.</p>
4	<p>a. Treasurer's report: Year-end statement e-mailed by treasurer.</p> <p>b. Chairman defer to old new business discussions.</p> <p>c. No reports from Secretary. Need for new members' contact information identified.</p>
5	<p>Comments on digital conversion, consumer item, Legislation and FCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot program for digital conversion in North Carolina did not do well and conversion may be moved to 06/12/09. • Comcast is making presentations at Senior centers regarding the conversion • AT&T is doing aggressive sales, but with little customer service.
6	<p>Town Reports– Highlights for 7TownTV.org Advisor Action item</p> <p>PEGPETIA: Updates for region are on 7TownTV.org in detail via link http://www.7towntv.org/7Town_PEGPETIA.pdf. Awards by town are Wallingford \$79,491 - East Haven \$52,706 , Branford \$43,181 , North Haven \$60,500 . No applications submitted for No. Branford , Guilford , Madison</p> <p>U-Verse Tech Options: Comparison of VBrick and Digital Rapids was a planned resource to be prepared for local PEGS. Document prepared by DiscoverVideo LLC a VBrick company was reviewed by advisors. The addition of contact information was requested. Prep for distribution was identified as Action Item. Other U-verse updates: Meeting Schedule for Statewide Video Council on 7TownTV.org. Question about Leased locations and ATT hard-line issues was asked at SVC Meeting but not captured as actionable item in minutes. Written follow-up pursued.</p> <p>2009 CACSCC Meeting Schedule: Review (Phone Meetings) There are no planned telephone meetings. Telephone will be a bad weather meeting option. March Meeting approved for No. Branford Town Hall</p>
7	<p>a. CACSCC 2008 Report was prepared by Exec Committee and his on the home page of the 7TownTV.org. The advisors decided there was no reason to ratify as the document includes previously approved minutes and the Financial Statement approved at this meeting. not to ratify the</p> <p>b. Legislation- should action to be taken related to HB 5095</p> <p>The grant program for equipment upgrades created with legislation last year – PEGPETIA will have funds to be discontinued if passed as is ...via HB5095 per Sec. 19. (<i>Effective from passage</i>) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 16-331cc of the general statutes, the sum of \$2,000,000 shall be transferred from the public, educational and governmental programming and education technology investment account and credited to the resources of the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009</p> <p>c. ACM Membership – discussed and motion made and acted upon.</p> <p>d. Committees (i.e. Web site, Annual Mtg): No Committee was established.</p> <p>e. Update on Google Video which had been documented by FF as possible venue for Internet Distribution of Government Meetings. Existing Videos will remain published but Google has discontinued support of this resource which was only more than 10 minute.</p> <p>7TownTV.org does not have capacity for long videos but PEGS and producers can submit video that represents PEG news or includes How to information.</p>
8	No public comments. Adjourn at 8:45 pm

----- MOTIONS / ACTION ITEMS -----

Business	Motion	By	Vote
OLD	To adopt October Minutes	JE 2 nd by MB	Passed Abstained all not in attendance in Oct.
OLD	To adopt Financial Statement	JE 2 nd by MS	Unanimous - Passed



Business	Motion	By	Vote
New	To authorize ACM Member payment in the basic membership in te amount of \$ 575 and contribution for payment to the amount allocated in the budget of \$1150	JE 2 nd by FF.	Unanimous - Passed
New	To direct the Chairman to write to the CT Legislature Energy & Technology Committee –the Committee responsible for HB5095 expressing concerns about fairness, continuity and long-term financial insecurity that results from moving gross receipt tax collected for PEGPETIA via PA 07-253 to General Fund. Include reference to consumer impact on cable rates.	JE 2 nd by PL.	Unanimous - Passed

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

	Description	Assigned To	Due Date
1	OCT Item: Research for free webinars on related technologies for Advisors to participate to get experience.	Susan	Done
2	OCT Item: Exec Committee: Annual DPUC Report	Susan	Completed
3	Jan Item: Advisors to submit Highlights for web site	All Advisors	ASAP
4	Jan Item: Advisors to consider possible topics and formats for Annual mtg within the budget amount of \$250 or less	All Advisors	Suggestions to be reviewed in March Meeting
5	Jan Item: Update 2009 Calendar on Website and in Download Schedule	Susan	ASAP
6	Jan Item: Schedule Meeting Room for No Branford Town All	Mary	For March
6	Jan Item: New Members advised contact info needed and By-laws available for review on website.	P.L. /P.H	Before March Meeting