



CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2012, Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road, Route 117,
Groton, CT 06340

IN ATTEND ANCE: Jim Kelley, Roger Roy, Bill Hakkinen, Jerry Tobias, Bruce Edwards, Jim Loughlin, Steve Garmon

ABSENT: Paul Kadri, Greg Pont, Jason Jones

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVES: Sharon Codeanne, Frank Facchini

THAMES VALLEY COMMUNICATION REPRESENTATIVE: Carl Andersen

SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT TELEVISION: Helen Rush

Recognition of members of the public for public comments – Shawn Greeley, no comment.

I. Reports

A. Secretary's Report: Acceptance of 9/8/11, 10/27/11 & 11/10/11 Meeting Minutes.

9/8/11 & 11/10/11 passed unanimously.

10/27/11 minutes amended; Under New Business changed 'SECTV website' to PURA website. Hakkinen abstains, all others voted yes to accept.

B. Treasurer's Report:

This statement reflects the activity on Council's checking account during Oct-Dec 2011.

<i>Beginning balance 10/27/11</i>	\$42,602.96
 CREDITS	
Combined interest earned 11/25 & 12/23/11:	\$3.25
 TOTAL	 \$42,606.21
 EXPENSES	
James Loughlin ck#750/755 (10/27 & 11/10)	\$72.24
Val Koschmieder ck#752 (11/10/11)	\$100.00
Roger Roy ck#751/753 (10/27 & 11/10)	\$48.56
Town of Ledyard ck#754 (11/10/11)	\$2500.00
 <i>Current checking account balance</i>	 \$39,884.41

C. Comcast Progress Report – Sharon Codeanne reported on community relations items, Marketing items and handed out a price adjustment flyer.

Frank Facchini handed out a Community Access list of 17 programs currently produced or in production.

Tobias believes Emergency notices are briefly blocking out channels twice a night, also lost all digital signals one night. Codeanne will look into it.

D. TVC Progress Report: Carl Andersen reported on Monthly Stats, call stats, and January price adjustments. Edwards asked for the data rate for HD and if a box was needed for extra tiers of channels. Carl answered that a box is needed only to authorize tiers above expanded basic.

II. Old Business

A. Status of the third party public access provider.

Helen Rush advised the channel 12 community access' weekly line up can now be found on facebook/sec-tv. Greeley nothing new to report.

B. Review of Council goals:

- 1) Advocate cost containment
- 2) Work closely in the development of new franchise and the third party PEG cable access provider
- 3) Continue to advocate for the needs of franchise members
- 4) To continually review the cable channel lineup and advocate for customer requests
- 5) Raise the public awareness of the advisory council, inform the community of the advisory council's role and solicit public opinions and needs.

C. Process to Grant Funds.

Review Ledyard progress to award remaining 50% of grant initially approved at November 2011 meeting. Kelley stated; Ledyard has done a commendable job of documenting their actions and progress. Hakkinen made motion to expend the second half. Tobias seconded. Edwards abstains, all others voted yes. \$2500.00 check will be mailed out to Ledyard.

III. New Business

A. March 2012 PURA hearing with regard to third party PEG provider.

No firm date set yet, Kelley will advise the council of specifics when it is known.

IV. Survey of councilors

Loughlin: Per Nov minutes: CTACSC website update. Contacted Greg Pont and he gave Cindy Vierra to contact. Approved minutes: email files to Cindy. cindy@designbycindy.com
Cindy Vera's address - 67 Country St Seekonk, MA 02771.

Tapes of these meetings added to the TOG website? Greeley will follow up with the TOG IT dept.

Edwards: asked for a demo from a cable company on bandwidth; issues with, equipment for, future paths and products. Carl offered to do this at the next meeting.

Garmon, Roy, Hakkinen: nothing to report.

Tobias: highly recommend backups for computer files.

Kelley: Received 2 customer complaint letters for Comcast. These are being handled by Comcast customer care. March Meeting needs to appoint a nominating committee.

V. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. March 8, 2012 is the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

