



CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2011, Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road, Route 117.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Kelley, Shawn Greeley, Roger Roy, Jim Loughlin, Bill Hakkinen, Steve Garmon

ABSENT: Greg Pont, Sharon Codeanne, Jerry Tobias, Paul Kadri

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVES: Frank Facchini

THAMES VALLEY COMMUNICATION REPRESENTATIVE: Carl Andersen

SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT TELEVISION: Chris Chrissos & Helen Rush

Recognition of Public In Attendance: Mary McGrattan, Ledyard Town Council; Wendy Eckholm ; Peter Roper ; Elizabeth Viering ; Jason Jones, Stonington Public School, Terri Roper, Lee Moore.

Public Comments: Eckholm, Roper & Viering all spoke in favor of SECTV being granted PEG provider.

I. Reports

Secretary's Report: Acceptance of November 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Hakkinen made the motion to accept both minutes. Garmon seconded the motion, accepted unanimously as written.

A. Treasurer's Report:

This statement reflects the activity on Council's checking account during from August through December 2010.

<i>Beginning balance 08/24/10</i>	\$39,086.62
CREDITS	
Combined interest earned September - December:	\$12.83
TOTAL	\$39,099.45
EXPENSES	
Jim Kelley ck#734 (9/09/10)	\$300.30
James Loughlin ck#735 & 738 (9/09 & 11/13/10)	\$129.68
Val Koschmieder ck#736 & 737 (9/20 & 11/30/10)	\$200.00
<i>Current checking account balance</i>	\$38,469.47

B. Comcast Progress Report – Sharon Codeanne, absent, faxed her report to Kelley to present. Marketing Items included the addition on CPTV4U, attached Annual Notice, and attached channel line-up. Facchini handed out a list of 20 shows produced and/or in production. All shows are produced at the studio or with borrowed equipment.

C. TVC Progress Report: Carl Andersen reported on Monthly Stats, call stats from the Help Desk and Customer Service, and attached bill insert on rate changes and channel additions.

Kelley asked when TVC will be going to pure digital. Andersen answered not for at least the next couple of years.

II. Old Business

Status of the third party public access provider.

Update by SECTV given by Helen Rush. Docket is still active but has been put on hold pending the application by the Town of Groton. Rush urges the Advisory Council to support SECTV.

Shawn: TOG will apply very soon. Application is encompassing and should alleviate fears. Should be filed before our next Advisory meeting in March.

A. Review of Council goals:

*** Hakkinen made a motion to change #2 to strike "with TVC" from the sentence. Loughlin seconded. Greeley abstained, all others voted yes.

- 1) Advocate cost containment
- 2) Work closely with the development ~~with TVC in the development of new franchise and the~~ of a possible 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.

III. New Business

A. Ledyard camera request PEGPETIA status.

Mary McGrattan gave an update. They have not had an answer about the PEGPETIA grant yet. Ledyard would like to put in a request for a grant for \$10,000 from the Advisory Council for equipment. Kelley stated that the process for grants has not been finalized yet so no commitment can be made at this time.

B. Process to grant funds – Bill Hakkinen

Motion was made by Hakkinen to accept process as handed out see attached. Loughlin seconded. Council had lengthy discussion and made two amendments to the original motion. They are as follows:

First Amendment – Any funding request must be matched by what they have already invested on their own in the project. Motion by Garmon, seconded by Hakkinen.

1 no-Kelley, 1 abstain-Greeley, 4 yes. Amendment passes.

Second Amendment – Move each date mentioned back by 6 months. Also, change wording from Public to PEG. Motion by Roy, seconded by Hakkinen.

2 no-Kelley & Garmon, 1 abstain-Greeley, 3 yes. Amendment passes.

Voted on original motion with the two amendments. 1 yes-Hakkinen, 1 abstain-Greeley, 4 no. Motion failed. Hakkinen will revise and bring it back for another vote in March.

C. Hakkinen produced an online survey to raise awareness and solicit opinions from the public. Handed out draft questions and would like to vote on this at the next meeting in March. Greeley would like the channels listed out as 2, 12 & 19 where it asks how often you watch PEG.

IV. Survey of councilors

Kelley, Greeley, Roy, Loughlin – Nothing to report.

Hakkinen – Dish network does have PIP, he sent a list of questions off to them. It was noted, if you have dish you will not get PEG programming through your TV.

Garmon: Comcast has been going into neighborhoods and targeting people who are not current subscribers. In addition, Comcast refuses to run new wiring in his neighborhood.

Tobias' items were brought up by Kelley: Mailing list of current councilors was confirmed, Comcast channel line-up was never delivered (but it was attached to Comcast report) felt that emergency broadcast testing for Comcast has been done in excess, and believes that Comcast's change to channel 103, Discovery Health to OWN, should have been communicated prior.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. March 10, 2011 is the next meeting.

V.

Respectfully Submitted,

