



CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2011, Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road, Route 117,
Groton, CT 06340

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Kelley, Shawn Greeley, Roger Roy, Bill Hakkinen, Steve Garmon, Jerry Tobias
 ABSENT: Paul Kadri, Jason Jones, Bruce Edwards, Jim Loughlin, Greg Pont
 COMCAST REPRESENTATIVES: Sharon Codeanne Frank Facchini
 THAMES VALLEY COMMUNICATION REPRESENTATIVE: Carl Andersen
 SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT TELEVISION: Dan Weaver & Helen Rush
Recognition of members of the public for public comments – None

I. Reports

A. Secretary's Report: Acceptance of March 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes
 Hakkinen made the motion to accept the minutes, Garmon seconded. Minutes accepted unanimously.

B. Treasurer's Report:
 This statement reflects the activity on Council's checking account during March – April 2011.

<i>Beginning balance 2/24/11</i>	\$38,222.17
 CREDITS	
Combined interest earned 3/23 & 4/25/11:	\$3.42
Deposit 3/15/11	\$5000.00
 TOTAL	 \$43,225.59
 EXPENSES	
James Loughlin ck#743 (3/10/11)	\$32.86
Val Koschmieder ck#742 (3/10/11)	\$100.00
Cindy Vierra ck#744 (4/17/11)	\$99.00
 <i>Current checking account balance</i>	 <i>\$42,993.73</i>

C. Comcast Progress Report – Sharon Codeanne handed out a list of Community Relations (Comcast Cares Day & Scholarships) and marketing items, including Internet speed increase and added digital basic channel. Facchini handed out a list of 20 shows produced and/or in production. Additional descriptions were added to the titles as requested by an Advisory board member.

Facchini answered Tobias by explaining that several different Representatives have been approached to be included in future shows but so far has declined. Another outreach attempt will be made.

Kelley asked for an update on Groton's conversation to digitization. Codeanne stated Groton has a tentative schedule of the forth quarter in 2011. Depending on level of service DTA's will be given for free or nominal rental fee.

D. TVC Progress Report: Carl Andersen reported on Monthly Stats, call stats from the Help Desk and Customer Service, and attached articles on TVC rankings for customer complaints (only 1 to DPUC).

Andersen handled customer complaint letter received at last month's meeting. Other pricing options were explored but not taken up by the customer.

II. Old Business

A. Status of the third party public access provider.

Kelley stated he received Shawn Greeley's resignation today effective immediately due to Town's pending PEG bid. Library representative to board may stay vacant until bids are resolved.

SECTV Update given by Dan Weaver. A DPUC hearing is possible beginning of June to discuss third party access. Launched a new show, *Modern Town Green*, a town specific program.

Town of Groton (Greeley) added that both parties filed objections to off line mediations, they want the dockets/process to go through with the DPUC.

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: no requests have been made as of yet. Deadline is September.

III. New Business

A. Elections

Kelley presented Jim Loughlin's slate of candidates. Due to Greeley's resignation Roy volunteered for Secretary.

Hakkinen moved the motion, Tobias seconded that the treasurer cast one vote for all candidates. Vote was yes to new board as below

Kelley	Chairman
Loughlin	Vice Chair
Garmon	Treasurer
Roy	Secretary

B. Hakkinen's year long quest to get PIP lead him to become a Dish Network customer. He expressed his concern about staying on the board as he is no longer a cable subscriber. Kelley and other members voiced that he is valuable to the council and they wish him to stay on.

IV. Survey of councilors

Kelley, Garmon, Roy, Tobias – nothing to report.

Hakkinen: Requested to be notified of next Public Hearing date. Kelley will update board.

September 8, 2011 is the next meeting.

V. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

