



CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2011, 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, Steve Garmon, Jerry Tobias, Bruce Edwards, Jim Loughlin, Jason Jones

ABSENT: Paul Kadri, Greg Pont, Frank Facchini

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVES: Sharon Codeanne

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 8/8/11 & 10/27/11 Meeting Minutes

Tabled -- All meeting minutes (8/8/11, 10/27/11 & 11/10/11) will be approved at the January meeting.

B. Treasurer's Report:

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

<i>Beginning balance 8/24/11</i>	\$42,873.11
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CREDITS

Combined interest earned 9/26 & 10/26/11:	\$3.75
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TOTAL	\$43,876.86
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EXPENSES

James Loughlin ck#749 (10/25/11)	\$166.10
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Val Koschmieder ck#747 (9/12/11)	\$100.00
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Roger Roy ck#748 (9/12/11)	\$8.80
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<i>Current checking account balance</i>	\$42,601.96
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C. Comcast Progress Report – Sharon Codeanne handed out a copy of a letter, Comcast notification to PURA of price adjustments beginning January 1st, 2012. Facchini was absent but his list of produced shows was included and an Open House on Thursday, December 1st at 401 Gold Star Hwy in Groton was announced.

D. TVC Progress Report: Carl Andersen reported on Monthly Stats, call stats from the Help Desk and Customer Service, and summary of response to Storm Irene.

II. Old Business

A. Status of the third party public access provider.

Helen Rush advised of 2 letters sent to PURA about the hearing being cancelled and SECTV's request for no further delays. Greeley echoed this delay to the November 14th hearing, rescheduled to January 2012.

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.

Hakkinen moved to accept the request, Tobias seconded. Jones and Edwards abstained, all others members voted to pass... Ledyard will receive \$2500.00 now, will report back in January of their progress and will then receive the other half.

III. New Business

- A. November 14, 2011 PURA hearing: Rescheduled to January 2012, exact date TBD. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. All interrogatives and responses can be found on the PURA website.

IV. Survey of councilors

Loughlin: 1) CTACSC website, requests this be brought up to date. Loughlin will contact Pont about these updates and online survey. 2) Still looking for a schedule for Public TV. Codeanne will check with Frank on this. SECTV has a website in development which will include a program schedule. 3) Would like archive access to the CTACSC meeting videotapes, possibly in streaming media. Greeley will check with TOG IT and his Mgr to see if these videos can be added to the TOG website.

Edwards: Would like to recognize that tomorrow is Veterans Day and express our gratitude.

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

Hakkinen: Asked about the fee that is paid for website mgmt, this is for hosting and the URL.

Jones: going forward Thursdays are limiting as Stonington BOE overlaps in time. This will limited his ability to participate; if council would prefer someone else he would ask around. Kelley believes he is uniquely qualified to be part of the board and would like him to stay on. Jones may need to leave by 6:30 each meeting.

- V. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. January 12, 2012 is the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

