

**CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

January 14, 2016, Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road, Route 117,
Groton, CT 06340

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Kelley, Bill Hakkinen, Dean Antipas, Jim Loughlin, Leon Palmeri, Shawn Greeley, Daniel Caldwell and Mark Russell.
 ABSENT: Neal Kupfell
 COMCAST REPRESENTATIVES: John Barios
 THAMES VALLEY COMMUNICATION REPRESENTATIVE: Alexa Shelton
 SEC-TV REPRESENTATIVE: Frank Facchini

I. Recognition of members of the public for public comments: None

II. Reports

1. Secretary's Report: Hakkinen motioned to accept the minutes of the 11/12/ 15 meeting with the spelling correction to Daniel Caldwell's name, Kelley seconded. Minutes accepted unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report: A revision to the 11/12/15 Treasurer's Report was handed out. The current Treasurer's Report was handed out also. The current statement reflects the activity on Council's checking account for the months of November- December 2015.

<i>Beginning balance 11/13/15</i>	\$ 20,961.13
CREDITS	
EXPENSES	
11/25/15 monthly service charge	3.00
12/23/15 monthly service charge	3.00
<i>Current checking account balance</i>	\$ 20,955.13

3. Comcast Report: John Barios reported on channel lineup updates and name rebranding, Comcast's United Way campaign efforts, and Comcast's future hiring needs.
4. SEC-TV Report: Facchini reported on the 23 programs currently being produced.
5. TVC Report: Shelton reported on programming updates, community relations and their response to the inquiry into attending the State-wide Video Advisory Council (SVAC) meetings.

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

1. Kelley reported that the SVAC has complained to PURA that TVC does not attend their meetings. The SVAC believes TVC should attend their meetings because of the type of license awarded to TVC. They would like to force TVC to attend the SVAC meetings (instead of the CTACSC). Kelley believes TVC being required to attend SVAC meetings does not serve the interest of the TVC customers.

Kelley drafted two letters to PURA in response to the SVAC complaint. The first letter is from Kelley as a representative to the SVAC. The second letter Kelley drafted is on behalf of

CTACSC. A motion was made to accept the letter written on behalf of CTACSC by Hakkinen, seconded by Antipas. After considerable discussion, minor wording changes and the addition of requesting a docket to be opened were made, the motion to accept the CTACSC letter with the amendments was passed unanimously.(see attached)

Kelley will mail the two letters written to PURA immediately and will start contacting some state representatives. Other council members will also make some representative contacts.

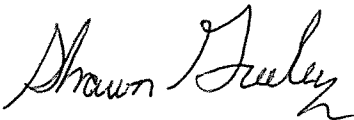
2. Hakkinen handed out proposed revisions to the CTACSC bylaws. He would like to address the proposed changes at the March or May meeting.

V. Communications

1. Caldwell, Palmeri, Russell, Hakkinen and Antipas had no communications.
2. Loughlin reported on the status of some FCC regulations.
3. Greeley reported that the Groton Public Library has a large renovation project due to start this Spring. The library project, along with three others in the TVC franchise area (1 in Groton and 2 in Stonington) were eligible to receive funding from the Neighborhood Assistance Act. Greeley expressed his dismay that none of TVC's \$200,000 funding it provided for the Neighborhood Assistance Act went to any of the four local franchise area projects. Instead, TVC chose to fund projects in the Hartford area. Kelley mirrored his disappointment and asked Shelton to take that sentiment back to TVC officials.

VI. Adjournment – Loughlin motioned, Antipas seconded. Adjourn meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shawn Greeley

TREASURER'S REPORT
January 14, 2016

<i>Beginning Balance 11/13/2015</i>	\$20,961.13
<u>Deposits & Credits</u>	
<u>Debits</u>	
11/25/15 – monthly service charge	(3.00)
12/23/15 – monthly service charge	(3.00)
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<i>Ending Balance 12/23/2015</i>	\$20,955.13
<u>Subsequent Activity</u>	
none	
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<i>Ending Balance 01/14/2016</i>	\$20,955.13

TREASURER'S REPORT (revised)
November 12, 2015

Beginning Balance 09/11/2015 \$20,996.80

Deposits & Credits

Debits

09/24/15 – monthly service charge (3.00)

09/26/15 – check 812 – James Loughlin (recruitment lunch) (29.67)

10/26/15 – monthly service charge (3.00)

Ending Balance 10/26/2015 \$20,961.13

Subsequent Activity

none

Ending Balance 11/12/2015 \$20,961.13

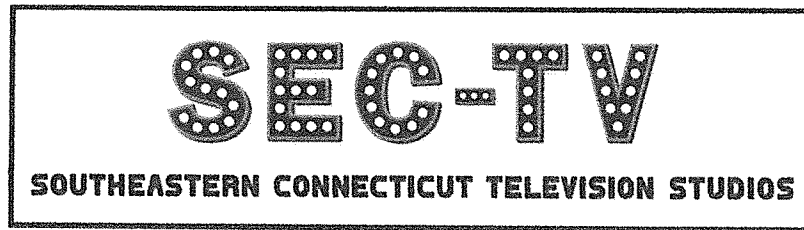


Advisory Council Meeting
January 14, 2016

- Programming updates:
 - Added Comet TV – Ch. 82 – Expanded Tier
 - Added Grit TV – Ch. 85 – Essentials Tier
 - Added IFC – Ch. 198 – Essentials Tier
 - Added We TV – Ch. 127 – Expanded Tier
 - ABC Family -- ch.41/742 -- changed its name to Freeform
 - Removed Comcast Sports Net – Ch. 31/708 – currently under negotiation

- TVC continues to act as a strong community partner. We've agreed to sponsor both the Town of Groton and the City of Groton Parks and Recs Departments for the spring/summer of 2016. TVC also continues to hold regular food drives for the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.

- TVC was asked why we were not attending the Statewide Video Advisory Council meetings. We in turn sent them a letter reporting:
 - TVC had not been aware of the requirement to attend the CT Statewide Video Advisory Council meetings as TVC is an over builder in an area also covered by Comcast who attends these meetings. TVC is a small video provider and being of such a small size and with an effective competitor covering the area, it seems logical that TVC would not be required to attend on top of the CTACSC meets that TVC regularly attends.



80 Plaza Court, Groton CT 06340

860-449-1477 www.sec-tv.org

Located in the Groton Shopping Plaza between Benny's and Groton Post Office.

Community Access Provider Update January 14, 2016

SEC-TV LOCALLY PRODUCED PROGRAMS: IN STUDIO AND/OR ON LOCATION

Blue Monday Concert Series-Mystic River Park concerts to benefit Stonington music education programs and the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center

Books and Things with Tom-Tom Santos interviews local authors

Denison Farm Market- Tom Santos talks with local farmers

Community Buzz-Peter Roper discusses people, places, and events with guests

Community Culture Showcase-Harriet Grayson focuses on artists, history, events

From This Corner TV-Marilyn Dayton discusses local events with guests

Health Buzz- Marlisa McGlaughlin and Patrick Moore discuss natural health

LaGrua Center-Jane Simmons presents programs at the center

Tim and Lew Dog-Dave Lewis and Tim Pelland discuss sports and local events

Mystic Matters-Tricia Walsh and Susette Tibus discuss events with locals residents

North Stonington First Selectman's Debate at Wheeler Library-Spencer Serra

Professor Stan Gaby- Local nature, geology, history

Sox and Stripes Forever-Jeff Hunt and Bill Rossi discuss the baseball season

The Lisa Saunders Show- Focus on local history, people, and events

The Neighborhood Center-Vicki Anderson discusses community resources

Rock & Horror Show-Chris Annino variety show with guests

Your School in Real Time-Students from area schools discuss current issues

Ask Gracelyn-Gracelyn Guyol talks with practitioners about health

Town of Ledyard Town Council, Board of Education, Special Meetings

Missionary COGIC-Pastor George Rucker-Religious Service

Praying on the Rock-Frank and Rose Silva-Religious Service

Prophecy for the Last Hour-Liz McGee-Religious Service

Reality of the Word-Johnny Burns-Religious Service

CTACSC
Cable Television Advisory Council of Southeastern Connecticut
P.O. Box 323, Groton, CT 06340-0323

January 14, 2016

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The Cable Television Advisory Council of Southeastern Connecticut is aware that a representative of the State Video Advisory Council has forwarded an inquiry to PURA to determine whether it can force certified competitive video service providers to meet that committee twice each year. The CTACSC would like to provide information, and express our concerns, relating to one such certificate holder, Thames Valley Communications (TVC).

TVC provides services solely within the Groton franchise area. It is a very small privately owned company with a small number of employees. TVC overbuilt a portion of the area including only three towns of the five towns in the franchise area. It has no plans to expand. It is certainly not a state wide enterprise. It is not part of a larger company and acquits itself very well as a corporate citizen.

TVC has attended virtually every CTACSC meeting since its inception and is quite responsive to Council questions and concerns. The town representatives of CTACSC are familiar with the subscribers, and these are the people who advocate for the TVC subscribers in their towns. When and if a customer has a question, the local representatives are the individuals who understand the issues and can help.

This letter is being written to request that PURA understand that an organization outside of this franchise area is not familiar with TVC and does not represent all the towns where TVC operates. We also understand that such a requirement would impose a serious burden on TVC with no commensurate benefit to TVC or its subscribers. Please do consider these facts as PURA crafts its response.

CTACSC

Cable Television Advisory Council of Southeastern Connecticut

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The Council requests that a docket be opened to offer the public the ability to express their concerns.

This letter was unanimously approved by Councilors at the January 14, 2016 CTACSC meeting.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Kelley".

James J. Kelley, Chair

CC: A. Maynard
D. Urban
A. Bumgardner
J. Scott
M. France