

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF  
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**June 17, 2014, Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m.**  
Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road, Route 117,  
Groton, CT 06340

IN ATTENDANCE: Bruce Edwards, Jim Loughlin, Steve Garmon, Jim Kelley, Bill Hakkinen, Shawn Greeley and Karen Bryer (Groton Public Schools Representative).

ABSENT: Leon Palmeri and Dean Antipas

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVES: Absent

THAMES VALLEY COMMUNICATION REPRESENTATIVE: Alexa Shelton

**Recognition of members of the public for public comments: None**

**I. Reports**

A. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the 3/13/14 meeting were entered. Garmon motioned to accept the minutes; Kelley seconded. Motion approved with 5 ayes and 1 abstention (Hakkinen).

B. Treasurer's Report:

This statement reflects the activity on Council's checking account for the months of February - May 2014.

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| <i>Beginning balance 2/26/14</i>          | \$ 17,287.06 |
| <b>CREDITS</b>                            |              |
| Combined interest earned 3/25 and 4/23/14 | .27          |
| Interest earned 5/23/14                   | .14          |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                           |              |
| Jim Loughlin, ck #797 (3/13/14)           | 50.68        |
| Millie Stubelick, ck #798 (3/13/14)       | 100.00       |
| Jim Kelley, ck #799 (3/13/14)             | 4.70         |
| Cindy Vierra, ck #800 (4/20/14)           | 124.00       |
| <i>Current checking account balance</i>   | \$ 17,008.09 |

C. Comcast Progress Report: None

D. TVC Progress Report: Alexa Shelton reported on intern involvement, Internet speed increase, community relations and channel line changes. Loughlin requested the name of the interns. Shelton will check on whether that information can be released and will send an email with the details.

**II. Old Business**

None

**III. New Business**

A. Discussion of Election and Candidates for Office

Edwards expressed his regret on resigning as Chair and council involvement as a whole due to need for family time, reconstruction of his company and some health considerations. The goals he set out to accomplish have fallen short in the past year so he wants to make room for someone else to forge ahead. Edwards feels strongly that it is imperative that the council find a strong

connection in CT legislation by creating a bigger footprint in Hartford. He also expressed his thanks to the council for all the support that he was given.

Kelley thanked Edwards for his time and support of the council. Also, thanked Garmon for his service as he is resigning as Secretary.

**B. Election of Officers**

Loughlin was the nominating chair. The following slate of candidates were presented and accepted. Garmon made the motion, Loughlin seconded. Approved.

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| Jim Kelly     | Chair      |
| Bill Hakkinen | Vice Chair |
| Shawn Greeley | Secretary  |
| Dean Antipas  | Treasurer  |

- C. Loughlin requested that the council establish a library of educational materials and provide a copy of two books to each council member for reading and referral purposes (The Master Switch by Tim Wu and Captive Audience by Susan Crawford).. He estimates the would cost less than \$250.00 to establish. Motion made by Loughlin, seconded by Greeley for discussion.

An open discussion of concerns and suggestions followed about where to store these books, how to keep track of them, no cost lending availability in local libraries, electronic version options and suggested reading lists to post on the council's website.

Amended Motion was entered to purchase two paperback copies of each of the two books and to donate them to the Groton Public Library so that councilors could check them out. The council will also work on a suggested reading list to post on the council's website.


Loughlin made this amended motion, Greeley seconded. Motion passed with 4 in favor, 2 opposed (Edwards and Kelley).

**IV. Communications**

None reported.

- V. Adjournment** – Edwards motioned; Greeley seconded to adjourn meeting at 6:05 p.m. Approved.

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Shawn Greeley**