



CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF  
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT  
MEETING MINUTES

**March 14, 2013, Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m.**  
Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road, Route 117,  
Groton, CT 06340

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Kelley, Bill Hakkinen, Jim Loughlin, Steve Garmon, Bruce Edwards, Leon Palmieri

ABSENT: Greg Pont, Jason Jones, Roger Roy, Frank Facchini

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVES: Sharon Codeanne

THAMES VALLEY COMMUNICATION REPRESENTATIVE: Alexa Shelton

SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT TELEVISION:

**Recognition of members of the public for public comments** – Shawn Greeley, no comments.

**I. Reports**

A. Secretary's Report: Acceptance of 1110113 Meeting Minutes. Hakkinen made motion to accept, Edwards seconded. Passed unanimously.

B. Treasurer's Report:

This statement reflects the activity on Council's checking account during January - March 2013.

<i>Beginning balance 12/26/12</i>	<b>\$41,104.80</b>
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CREDITS

Combined interest earned 1125113,2126113:	\$0.70
Deposit (3104113)	<b>\$2,500.00</b>

EXPENSES

Jim Loughlin <b>ck#774</b> (1110113)	\$50.68
Val <b>Koschmieder ck#772</b> (1110/13)	\$100.00
Roger Roy <b>ck#773</b> (1110113)	\$18.00
(above check and 3114113 Treasure's Report was incorrectly stated as Jim Roy)	

<i>Current checking account balance</i>	<b>\$43,436.82</b>
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C. Comcast Progress Report: Sharon Codeanne reported on marketing items including several channel changes and the addition of 8 HD channels to the line up. Comcast Cares Day will be held on April 27, 2013 where they will be volunteering at Claude Chester Elementary School in **Groton**.

Loughlin suggested **Facchini's** 'PEG' Report could be changed to just 'Public' Access. Sharon agreed. Frank Facchini was absent, no PEG Report given.

D. TVC Progress Report: Alexa Shelton, the new TVC representative, gave a brief bio and reported on the TVC company transition. Points covered were staffing, enhancements across the board, no plans to extend the build at this time, no plans for price increases and that TVC plans to be a strong community partner.

Kelley asked about the expansion of service area. Shelton said this may be revisited once the enhancement work has been completed. Edwards questioned what equipment was included in the sale or if it was being leased. Shelton said she would check into that.

### **Old Business**

- A. Status of the third party public access: No one present from SECTV. Greeley reported there is an extension until April 1<sup>st</sup> filed with PURA and that talks are ongoing.
- B. Review of Council goals
- C. Second grant process: No applications have been received yet. Kelley reported that the Stonington Free Library is interested in applying for a grant but needs some encouragement and guidance on the process. He asked that Edwards meet with them to share his expertise. Edwards stated that **Ledyard** is gathering their information in order to get their grant request in and Greeley indicated that **Groton** should be applying as well.
- D. Increase Membership  
Kelley announced he received a resignation from Roger Roy as Secretary due to illness. Roy was thanked for his energy and commitment to the Council and will be welcomed back at any time.

Kelley announced he would not be running for Chair again next year but would continue to be part of the board. Garmon announced that he would not be available for the Treasurer's position next year and may not be participating on the board.

### **III. New Business**

- A. Appoint Nominating Committee: Kelley asked that Hakkinen be the Chair of this committee to gather a slate of candidates by the next meeting. Hakkinen accepted.

### **IV. Survey of councilors**

Edwards: produced a documentary about a stroke victim last year and will get Roy a copy of the documentary to watch.

Garmon, Palmieri, Hakkinen, Kelley, Loughlin: nothing to report.

- V. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at **6:00 p.m.** May 9,2013 is the next meeting.

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Bill Hakkinen**  
**Acting Secretary**