



CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2012, Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road, Route 117,
Groton, CT 06340

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Kelley, Roger Roy, Bill Hakkinen, Jerry Tobias, Jim Loughlin, Steve Garmon, Bruce Edwards

ABSENT: Paul Kadri, Greg Pont, Jason Jones

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVES: Sharon Codeanne, Frank Facchini

THAMES VALLEY COMMUNICATION REPRESENTATIVE: Carl Andersen

SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT TELEVISION:

Recognition of members of the public for public comments – None.

I. Reports

A. Secretary's Report: Acceptance of 1/12/12 Meeting Minutes. Roy made motion, Hakkinen seconded. Passed unanimously.

B. Treasurer's Report:

This statement reflects the activity on Council's checking account during January-February 2012.

<i>Beginning balance 1/12/12</i>	\$39,884.41
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CREDITS

Combined interest earned 1/26/12 & 2/24/12:	\$3.53
Deposit 1/23/12	\$5000.00

TOTAL	\$44,887.94
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EXPENSES

James Loughlin ck#756 (1/12/12)	\$54.28
Val Koschmieder ck#757 (1/12/12)	\$100.00
Town of Ledyard ck#758 (1/12/12)	\$2,500.00
Cindy Vierra ck#759 (2/7/12)	\$25.00

<i>Current checking account balance</i>	\$42,208.66
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C. Comcast Progress Report – Sharon Codeanne reported on Comcast Cares Day and Marketing items. She mentioned the PURA hearing, with regard to third party PEG provider, is scheduled for March 27th at 9:30 a.m. in New Britain. Attached was a price adjustment to begin May 1, 12.

Frank Facchini handed out a list of 16 programs produced and/or in production at the studio or in the community.

Tobias asked about the status of providing set top boxes due to the digital conversion. Codeanne answered that within the next month a letter will go out to Groton franchise subscribers explaining the digital conversion, targeted to be complete by end of July.

Loughlin asked about the status of 3 digital channels assigned for public access. Codeanne answered that any decision is dependent on the PEG docket to be complete along with the digital conversion. Loughlin

also asked that the Library Board monthly meeting be taped and aired as it is scheduled at the same time as the RTM meetings. Greeley said he should send that request to the GPL and he would talk with Betty Ann about it as well.

- D. TVC Progress Report: Carl Andersen spoke about Cable TV and Bandwidth Issues, handed out a written explanation. Also, reported on channel line up changes filed with PURA.

Edwards asked about 3D signals versus HD signal in regards to bandwidth. Loughlin asked if there were text books or free online courses to enhance their knowledge. Andersen said he would research this.

II. Old Business

- A. Status of the third party public access provider.

PURA hearing, with regard to third party PEG provider, is scheduled for March 27th at 9:30 a.m. in New Britain. Facchini handed out a copy of Docket No. 10-10-10. SECTV was awarded a grant for equipment in the amount of \$55,393.25. This equipment will help run the control room, provide a new server, among other items. Whoever is named the PEG provider will take ownership of this equipment.

- B. Review of Council goals.

III. New Business

- A. March 2012 PURA hearing with regard to third party PEG provider.
3/27/12 at 9:30 a.m. in New Britain.
- B. Nominating Committee appointment. To identify officers who are willing to serve for the next year. Mr. Hakkinen was asked to serve as the nominating chairman and accepted.

IV. Survey of councilors

Loughlin: Asked if the board qualifies for a tax break as a non profit organization. The consensus was it may not be worth the effort to file for this.

Edwards, Garmon, Tobias: Nothing to report.

Roy: Mentioned we will continue to send Cindy the docs for website and that the current membership list also needs updating.

Kelley: Asked the board's opinion: due to limited participation of the last grant program, should we offer same grant this year as we offered last year? Board said yes. Hakkinen will re-send the guidelines as previously drafted.

Hakkinen: in May, review our membership and address attendance of members.

- V. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. May 10, 2012 is the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

