



CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 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, Frank Facchini

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVES: Sharon Codeanne

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 3/08/12 Meeting Minutes. Roy made motion, Edwards seconded. Corrections: Treasurer's Report was correct as previously reported. Passed unanimously.

B. Treasurer's Report:

This statement reflects the activity on Council's checking account during March 2012.

<i>Beginning balance 2/24/12</i>	\$42,206.66
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CREDITS

Combined interest earned 3/23/12 & 4/24/12:	\$3.44
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EXPENSES

James Loughlin ck#763 (3/08/12)	\$63.13
Val Koschmieder ck#761 (3/08/12)	\$100.00
Roger Roy ck#762 (3/08/12)	\$8.80
Jim Kelley ck#760 (3/08/12)	\$248.16

<i>Current checking account balance</i>	\$41,792.01
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C. Comcast Progress Report – Sharon Codeanne reported on several Marketing items and channel changes. Attached was Frank Facchini's Community Access Update. The question about when the digital conversion will be complete in our franchise was asked. Codeanne said by the end of the summer, but after the broadcast of the Summer Olympics. Currently there are only about 5% of the subs left who have not yet converted over to a full digital signal.

D. TVC Progress Report: Carl Andersen spoke about the monthly stats, increase in the Public Access charge, fiber build to area municipalities and the launch of 8 new HD channels. He also stated that this would be his last Council Meeting and was thanked for his expertise and years of service.

II. Old Business

A. Status of the third party public access provider. Helen Rush, from SECTV, stated they received PURA grants of \$52,100 which will be spent to upgrade equipment. Codeanne added that at the last meeting

SECTV and Groton agreed to share programming and work together. A filing is due on June 3rd to PURA with full details. SECTV has a physical location which will be finalized shortly once agreement is signed.

B. Review of Council goals.

III. New Business

A. Consider a second grant process.

Kelley gave a handout of last years motion on the Grant process. Motion to revisit the grant process, first by Tobias and seconded by Edwards. Last years motion will be updated with current dates, raised from \$5,000 to \$7,000 and changed to a single payment instead of split in two installments.

Amendment proposed by Loughlin, to keep it at 5,000 and 2 payment installments. Edwards explained how two payments penalized the process last year. Loughlin wanted to ensure incentive to provide the matching funds. Edwards explained that prior to applying proof is required of matching funds already. Amendment was not seconded, failed.

Amendment by Loughlin to not increase Grant amount but stay with \$5,000 as precedent was already set. Roy seconded. 2 yea, 5 no's. Amendment failed.

Kelley's original Motion for Second Grant Program as stated in first paragraph. Voted, all in favor, passed unanimously.

B. Elections. Hakkinen, chairman of Committee

All current officers will stay the same. Passed unanimously.

Kelley, Chairman; Loughlin, Vice Chair; Roy, Secretary; Garmon, Treasurer.

IV. Survey of councilors

Edwards, Garmon, Loughlin, Roy: Nothing to report.

Kelley: Has been digitally converted fully from Comcast.

Hakkinen: For September Meeting, will pull together highlights of the By Laws on Membership and Attendance so they can updated and approved as needed.

Tobias: This is his last meeting. Leon Palmieri will take over in Tobias seat this fall. Superintendent will send paperwork stating the new appointment. Tobias was thanked for his service and always welcomed to our meetings.

V. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. September 13, 2012 is the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

