



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

**May 14, 2009, Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m.**  
Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road, Route 117,  
Groton, CT 06340

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Kelley, Shawn Greeley, Jerry Tobias, Bill Hakkinen, Steve Garmon, Roger Roy, Jim Loughlin, Art Barton, Shane Devine

ABSENT: Marie Crompton

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVES: Sharon Codeanne, Frank Facchini,

THAMES VALLEY COMMUNICATION (TVC) REPRESENTATIVE: Carl Andersen

SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT TELEVISION (SECTV): Dan Weaver, Phil Butta

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

**II. Reports**

A. Secretary's Report - Greeley moved to accept the minutes. Hakkinen seconded the motion - approved unanimously as written.

B. Treasurer's Report - This statement reflects the activity on Council's checking account from 2/25/09 – 5/05/09.

<i>Previous reported balance</i>	\$33,389.58
<b>CREDITS</b>	
Combined interest earned 3/24/09 & 4/23/09:	\$5.41
Comcast	\$2500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,894.99</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Val Koschmieder – steno services March 09 Meeting	\$100.00
Tobias – Food for Meeting	\$35.92
Kelley – Postage	\$33.60
Cindy Vierra – Website	\$99.00
<i>Current checking account balance</i>	<i>\$35,626.47</i>

C. Comcast Progress Report - Sharon Codeanne handed out a list of Community Relations and Marketing items including PSA airtime and “Leaders and Achievers Scholarships”. She announced that “WTXX This” has been added to channel 246. Frank Facchini reported 18 Community Access programs have been recently produced or are in production.

D. TVC Progress Report - Carl Andersen reported on monthly stats, local sponsorships, increased lobby hours, upgrade of web portal, VOIP product and NESN overflow programming on channel 96.

**III. Old Business**

A. Status of the third party public access provider - Presentation by SECTV regarding its recent application to the DPUC to become the Third Party Community Access Provider. SECTV Board Members Phil Butta & Dan Weaver made a power point show presentation that highlighted their goals and their vision of community access in the franchise area. They are not at the point of giving a final business plan as more research is needed. Butta and Weaver explained that they are still working on a solid business plan and will present it to the council in the September. They also reported that they are looking for a centrally located site in Groton for their public access studio. Butta also explained that SECTV has been busy

visiting comparable third party facilities, building educational relationships with UCONN Avery Point and working on their business plan.

**B. Review of Council goals -**

- 1) Advocate cost containment
- 2) Work closely with TVC in the development of new franchise and the third party PEG cable access provider
- 3) Continue to advocate for the needs of franchise members
- 4) To continually review the cable channel lineup and advocate for customer requests
- 5) Raise the public awareness of the advisory council, inform the community of the advisory council's role and solicit public opinions and needs.

**IV. New Business**

- A. Statewide Video Service Provider (AT&T) Council Meeting - Kelley and Codeanne attended the meeting. The group discussed equipment needs. Kelley will attend the next meeting.
- B. Comcast' Dan Glanville could not attend tonight's CATV Advisory meeting due to a schedule conflict. Codeanne reported that he will attend the September meeting. There was a consensus of the Advisory Council to call a Special Meeting in June that Mr. Glanville could attend. The council feels it is essential to getting the PEG infrastructure issue resolved. Providing a third party provider (such as SECTV) with infrastructure that includes full time education and government access channels to all franchise towns (that request one) is essential to moving forward. Hakkinen made a motion to have a special meeting in June to hear an update from Comcast (Glanville) on a digital system and/or narrowcasting solution that would provide franchise area towns full time education and government access channels. The motion was seconded by Tobias and passed unanimously. Kelley proposed a meeting date of either June 11 or 18 (at the Groton Public Library at 5:30pm). Codeanne will see if Glanville can make one of the dates. If he can't attend one of the days, she will see if he can suggest alternative dates in June.
- C. Meeting with The Day - Kelley reported that he along with another member of the advisory council has been invited to the Day Newspaper's Editorial Board meeting to discuss what the advisory council does and how they see their role in today's cable market. Kelley stated that he sees this as a good public relations opportunity and a chance to recruit new members. Hakkinen suggested Greeley attend the meeting along with Kelley. Motion was made by Kelley and seconded by Loughlin to send a delegation (Kelley and Greeley) to speak with The Day Editorial Board. The motion passed unanimously. Kelley will arrange a date and time for the meeting.
- D. Elections - After seeking nominations from the floor, Nomination Committee Chairperson Art Barton made a motion to elect the following slate, Jim Kelley as Chair, Art Barton as Vice Chair, Shawn Greeley as Secretary, and Steve Garmon as Treasurer. Garmon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Survey of councilors - nothing to report.**

**VI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Shawn Greeley**