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Bill Hakkinen, Secretary

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT – MEETING MINUTES

September 13 2007, Regular Meeting, 5:31 p.m.

Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road, Route 117, Groton, CT 06340

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Kelley, Art Barton, Shawn Greeley, Jerry Tobias, Anne Ingraham, Bill Hakkinen, Allen Palmer, Marie Crompton

ABSENT: Jim Griffith, Patricia Ostrout

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVES: Sharon Codeanne

THAMES VALLEY COMMUNICATION REPRESENTATIVE: Carl Andersen

SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT TELEVISION: None

**I. Recognition of members of the public for public comments – 5 members of the public present.**

Rabbi Moshe Laurie of 34 Chestnut Hill Square in Groton.

Martha Laurie of 34 Chestnut Hill Square in Groton.

Edmund Conrad

Nadine Conrad

William Scheer

Rabbi Moshe Laurie and Martha Laurie both spoke asking for an accounting of the Public Access funds at Comcast. The Public Access equipment is outdated & un-repairable, and studio staffing is sparse.

Kelley said it will be taken under consideration and will be addressed on next month's agenda.

**II. Reports**

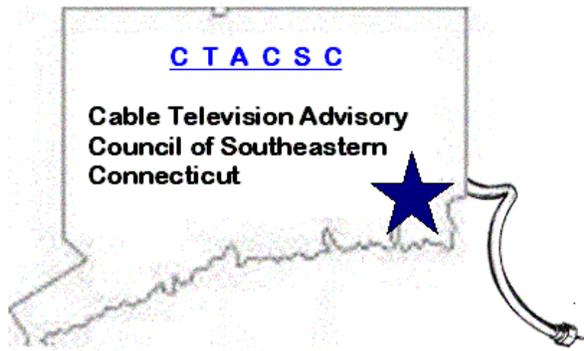
**A. Secretary's Report:**

Hakkinen moved, Palmer seconded a motion - the minutes of the May 10, 2007, Regular Meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

**B. Treasurer's Report:**

This statement reflects the activity on Council's checking account during the months of May through August 2007.

<i>Previous reported balance</i>	\$27,827.93
CREDITS	
Interest paid May through August 2007	\$9.17
TOTAL	\$9.17
EXPENSES	
Jim Griffith – Refreshments	\$100.31
Cindy Vierra – Webmaster	\$124.00
Anne Ingraham – Mailing payments	\$5.00
TOTAL	\$229.31
<i>Current checking account balance</i>	\$27,607.79



C. Comcast Progress Report - Sharon Codeanne handed out a list of Community Relations and Marketing items, since the May 2007 meeting. Report from Frank Facchini for PEG was not given, as he was absent. Jerry Tobias asked about when the public service announcements are played, as he has not seen them. Sharon said she would find out when they run so they can be seen.

D. TVC Progress Report - Carl Andersen reported on monthly stats of total plant miles and subscribers, channel change notification to DPUC, plant build in Stonington, sun outages, and the competitive video service state legislative bill.

### III. Old Business

A. Status of the third party public access provider: Status could not be given, as Frank Facchini was absent.

B. Review of Council goals: status quo.

### IV. New Business

Inability to fill officer and member vacancies for CTACSC. Kelley expressed his frustration concerning lack of interested parties to fill these vacancies. At the May 2007 meeting there was no candidate for Secretary, and Jim Griffith, who was elected as Treasurer, resigned from the Council shortly thereafter. Kelley asked the Council to help come up with action items towards a resolution. The whole Council agreed that creative and aggressive recruiting is needed. The following action items were developed:

- Press Release for radio, TV channels 2, 12 & 19, and newspapers
- Kelley & Barton will do recruiting in Voluntown
- Crompton will contact the Superintendent in N. Stonington
- Greeley & Palmer will do recruiting in Groton
- Kelley will contact Stonington about a representative

Ingraham made a motion to allocate \$100.00 for a memorial item in memory of Kelley's father. Ingraham moved, Crompton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tobias asked that Sharon Codeanne e-mail the public access equipment and staffing accounting document to the entire committee to review prior to next meeting date. Codeanne said she would e-mail it to Kelley to pass it on.

### V. Other Communications

Tobias explained about a distress call from a former legislator over attempts to talk to Comcast's customer service representatives. Issue has since been resolved. He also described a suspicious offer over the phone and then in person from an unmarked vehicle offering free digital for a year. He believed at first it was from Comcast but now doesn't believe so. Codeanne said she would make her sales staff aware of this.

Greeley asked that the election of the two vacant officer positions be posted on the next agenda. No other communications from the committee.

### VI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Hakkinen