

Atlantic Broadband Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Todd Pomazon.

Roll Call of Members

Members Attending: Todd Pomazon, Bob Vogel, Mike Mainz. Grant Place, Kathleen McCarty, Jeffrey Buchbinder. Dave Campo, Charley Williams.

Members Absent: Scott Garbini, David Hersant, Peggy Jackson, Debra McGlinton
Atlantic Broadband representatives attending: Kathy Diaz, and Chap Hanley.

Approval of Minutes

Todd Pomazon moved the 1/20/2016 minutes be approved, Mike Mainz seconded.
Motion passed.

Treasurer

Mike Mainz presented the Treasurer's Report. The balance is \$7,372.52.
Atlantic Broadband submitted the annual invoice for clerical services
in the amount of \$1,227.00.

New Business

A discussion was held on the status of H.B. 5243 and S.B. 286.

An additional slide to advertise Advisory Council openings will be prepared for the Community Access PSA Channel 24 & 25 scroll. These channels are available to all Atlantic Broadband channels and are also available on Frontier TV Channel 99.

An email list of Town Clerks is to be prepared to send notices.

Chap said he would look into providing newspaper public notices.

Unfinished Business

Chairman Tod Pomazon is working on a draft letter to remind Towns of existing vacancies.

PEGPETIA funding is unlikely to become available given current State funding

constraints. Grants for equipment for PEG channels were formerly available from the State, but funding has been redirected to General Funding.

Mike Mainz proposed that a Cable Advisory Web Site be created and hosted at the Town of East Lyme. Motion was unanimous.

Issues for the agenda next time.

Kathleen McCarty asked that a discussion on Cable Advisory grants be added to the next agenda.

Atlantic Broadband Information and Reports

Chap mentioned new hires and an internship program.

The government/education channels (Channel 22) from all nine towns are now available to all subscribers with a set top box on channels 191-199. Frontier TV continues to work on the design requirements for making these channels available on Frontier channel 99 for their subscribers.

The following channels have been added to the basic tier:

420 WCTX GritTV (Channel 9.2)

422 WCTX The Justice Network (Channel 9.3)

Email migration from Metrocast to Atlantic has occurred, forwarding of Metrocast email will continue, but a **cutoff date has not been determined.**

Kathy Diaz demonstrated TIVO.

Motion to Adjourn

Grant Place moved to adjourn, Jeffrey Buchbinder seconded, and there was unanimous agreement.

The next meeting of the ABB Advisory will be held at the usual location at the Best Western Cristata Inn on Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Vogel