

Atlantic Broadband Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2016

The meeting, at the Courtyard Norwich, 181 W Town St, Norwich, CT, was called to order by Vice-Chairman Jeffrey Buchbinder.

Roll Call of Members

Members Attending: Michael Mainz, Charley Williams, Jeffrey Buchbinder, Kevin Ide, Stephen Marchesseault, Kathleen McCarty, Grant Place, Richard Gladue

Members Absent: Robert Vogel, Dave Campo, Michael Minarsky

Atlantic Broadband representative attending: Kathy Diaz

A moment of silence was held in memory of our deceased chair Todd Pomazon and for the speedy recovery of our secretary Robert Vogel.

Election of replacement officers

For chair, Michael Mainz was nominated by Kathleen McCarty. Kevin Ide was nominated by Stephen Marchesseault. Michael Mainz was elected chair by a vote of 4-3.

For Treasurer, Jeffrey Buchbinder nominated Kevin Ide. Kevin was elected by acclamation.

Michael Mainz assumed chair of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Charley Williams moved that the 9/21/2016 minutes be approved, Kevin Ide seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer

Michael Mainz presented the Treasurer's Report. The balance is \$8,040.23, which will be reduced by \$159.53 for today's meeting room expense to \$7,880.70. The annual \$2,000 payment from Atlantic Broadband was received in September. The annual bill from Atlantic Broadband is expected in March, 2017.

New Business

Discussion: Grant of Advisory Council Funds: A discussion was held on criteria for grants and the amount of the grants. The chair appointed Kathleen McCarty, Jeffrey Buchbinder, Stephen Marchesseault to prepare a detailed proposal for approval by the council membership.

Unfinished Business

Discussion: Advisory Council Membership Michael Mainz attended the October 10th producer meeting. Only producers of live shows attend that meeting. There is a PSA slide on channel 24 and 25 soliciting members. Several members will seek additional members using their contacts in other towns. Early Summer 2017, a letter will again be sent to each town clerk.

Advisory Council Member Communications.

Again, Michael Meinz suggested that a page showing the PEG channels and Community Access TV information be placed on each town's website. See eltownhall.com/community/community-access-tv for an example.

Kathleen McCarty informed the council that David Campo wishes to resign his appointment to the advisory council.

Charley Williams will check into a no cost meeting space in Montville so that we can reduce advisory council expenses.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Discussion: Grant of Advisory Council Funds

Discussion: Advisory Council Membership.

Atlantic Broadband Information and Reports

Gigabit Internet successfully launched. Slowly gaining subscribers. No service issues.

Internet speed in northern towns limited to 120Mbits because it is a 550Mhz system.

Three Customer Care professionals hired in Connecticut and seventeen hired in Pennsylvania.

Cutoff Date for Metrocast Email Forwarding – Not determined yet

TIVO Guide: Community Access programs – After migration to Rovi, the community access schedule (channels 24 & 25) is only on Channel 20 and the ZAP2IT.com web site. It is no longer on the Tivo Guide.

Community Access Promotion & Producer Promotion using Video PSAs – Two video PSAs currently running promoting community access shows.

Expanding membership & nurturing a Producer community – No comments.

HD/SD for Community Access Channels – No comments

EG Channels 22.1 - 22.9 availability on Frontier Channel 99 – No progress.

Motion to Adjourn

Jeffrey Buchbinder moved to adjourn, Charley Williams seconded, and all agreed.

The next meeting of the ABB Advisory Council will be held at the usual location at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Uncasville, formerly the Best Western Cristata on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Meinz