

Atlantic Broadband Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2017

The meeting, at the Montville Town Hall, Room 102, 310 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville was called to order by Chair Michael Meinz.

New Members

New members welcomed: Monica Pomazon representing Montville and Ed Berdick representing Griswold.

Roll Call of Members

Members Attending: Michael Meinz, Ed Berdick, Kevin Ide, Stephen Marchesseault, Charley Williams, Monica Pomazon

Members Absent: Grant Place, Jeffrey Buchbinder, Richard Gladue, Kathleen McCarty

Atlantic Broadband representative attending: Kathy Diaz, Charles Hanley

Approval of Minutes

Charley Williams moved that the 11/16/2016 minutes be approved, Kevin Ide seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer

Kevin Ide presented the Treasurer's Report. The balance is \$7880.70.

Correspondence

Robert Vogel submitted his resignation on January 10, 2016.

New Business

Election of replacement officer: No one was nominated to become secretary

Meeting Location: Through the efforts of Charley Williams, we now have a no-cost meeting location.

Appointment of Members to Nomination Committee: Charley Williams, Monica Pomazon, Ed Berdick were appointed to the Nomination Committee per Article IV paragraph A.1 on the Advisory Council By-Laws with instruction to solicit interest and submit a slate of candidates for election at the May meeting.

Review and Approval of 2016 Annual Report: The annual report was reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Charley Williams; seconded by Kevin Ide. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Discussion: Grant of Advisory Council Funds: Discussion was delayed until the March meeting.

Discussion: Advisory Council Membership: In early December, Michael Meinz sent letters to all towns without full membership reminding them of their obligation to appoint Advisory Council members.

Advisory Council Member Communications.

Again, Michael Mainz 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.

On December 13, Michael Mainz asked the Community Access Manager, Mary Jane Rickard to post a PSA slide promoting Community Access TV. He passed out the resulting slide that is showing on Channels 24 and 25.

Ed Berdick said there was interest in Griswold to cablecast live meetings on their Channel 22.

Stephen Marchesseault said that Killingly is interested in converting their Channel 22 to HD. Also, Stephen asked about Channel 22 rules regarding program sponsors and program content.

Atlantic Broadband Information and Reports

Metrocast email forwarding ended at the beginning of January, 2017.

In 2017, ABB will begin upgrade of bandwidth in northern section of the region. Expect 2-3 years to complete.

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. ABB expects to have this corrected in around 30 days.

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

Expanding membership & nurturing a Producer community – Chap and Mary Jane will be visiting with New London education superintendent and some STEM schools. Asking for other schools that may be interested.

HD for Community Access Channels – Need to investigate and determine costs.

HD for Education/Government Channels – Preparing estimates for Killingly and East Lyme.

EG Channels 22.1 - 22.9 availability on Frontier Channel 99 – Waiting on Frontier

Motion to Adjourn

Ed Berdick moved to adjourn; Monica Pomazon seconded, and all agreed.

The next meeting of the Atlantic Broadband Advisory Council will be held at Montville Town Hall, Room 102, 310 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville on Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Mainz