

Atlantic Broadband Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2017

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

Roll Call of Members

Members Attending: Michael Meinz, Ed Berdick, Charley Williams, Stephen Marchesseault, James Barnie.

Members Absent: Kevin Ide, Jeffrey Buchbinder, Richard Gladue, Monica Pomazon, Kathleen McCarty, Denise Roireau, Eric Gould.

Atlantic Broadband representative attending: Kathy Diaz, Charles Hanley

Approval of Minutes

Charley Williams moved that the 03/15/2017 minutes be approved, Ed Berdick seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.

Treasurer

No Treasurer's Report was presented. The balance remains \$7880.70.

Atlantic Broadband Information and Reports

Despite remediation efforts, there still remains occasional interference on 3-4 channels (one of which is NESN). A temporary solution is in place using a feed from Thames Valley Communications. ABB technicians continue to search for a root cause.

New Choice Bundles to be offered to provide more bundling choices.

New enhanced WiFi service offering using a mesh network to improve WiFi performance for large homes and buildings with concrete walls.

Community Access channels 24 and 25 now transmit in stereo. New studio lights were installed.

TIVO Guide: Community Access programs – More difficult than originally expected. Expect to be completed soon.

Expanding membership & nurturing a Producer community – ABB met with several schools: New London magnet school, Waterford, Plainfield.

HD for Community Access Channels – Future objective. Cost and bandwidth a factor.

HD for Education/Government Channels – Future objective. Cost and bandwidth a factor. Killingly remains interested.

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

New Business

Mike Mainz suggested scheduling a special meeting for a Community Access Studio tour by advisory council members. Kathy Diaz suggested combining this with the grant presentation.

Unfinished Business

Approval: Grant of Advisory Council Funds: Motion to (1) approve the grant committee's recommendation to grant two \$500 scholarships; one to honor Todd F. Pomazon, former advisory council chairman and the other to honor Geoffrey R. Hanley, son of Chap Hanley, Atlantic Broadband General Manager; (2) to direct the grant committee to review the applicant's submissions and select two grantees; and (3) direct that the Chair shall present checks to the grantees on a date coordinated with Atlantic Broadband management.

Discussion: Advisory Council Membership: Mike Mainz asked Mary Jane Rickard to send an email message to all registered producers explaining the Advisory Council mission and seeking producers to volunteer. Mike Mainz submitted a PSA slide to run on East Lyme's Channel 22 to promote use of the Community Access Studio. Advisory Council members are requested to do the same for their town.

Advisory Council Member Communications.

Stephen Marchesseault mentioned that Killingly High School Film Festival awards presentations are scheduled for Friday, June 2 at 6:00PM. Advisory Council members are invited to attend.

Charley Williams resigned; effective after tonight's meeting.

Office Election Results

The nominating committee's slate was elected for a two year term.

Chair	Michael Mainz
Vice-Chair	Jeffrey Buchbinder
Secretary	Ed Berdick
Treasurer	Kevin Ide

Motion to Adjourn

Ed Berdick moved to adjourn; Charley Williams 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 at 5:30PM on Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Berdick