

Atlantic Broadband Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2018

The meeting, at the Montville Town Hall, Room 102, 310 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville, was called to order at 5:30PM by Chair Michael Meinz.

Roll Call of Members

Members Attending: Michael Meinz, Ed Berdick, Monica Pomazon, James Barnie, Denise Roireau, Stephen Marchesseault, Craig Merriman

Members Absent: Jeffrey Buchbinder, Kevin Ide, John Kleinhans, Joseph Taraya, Kathleen McCarty

Atlantic Broadband representative attending: Kathy Diaz, Charles Hanley

Public Comments

A senior citizen customer from the Quaker Hill area of Waterford spoke on increases in cable tv rates and long customer service wait times.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting was made Monica Pomazon and seconded by Ed Berdick the motion passed unanimously with four abstentions.

Treasurer

The bank balance is \$8,790.70.

Atlantic Broadband Information and Reports

Charles Hanley and Kathy Diaz presented Atlantic Broadband Announcements.

- More Internet speed increases are planned.
- C-SPAN announced three StudentCam winners from East Lyme.

EG Channels 22.1 - 22.9 availability on Frontier Channel

- Mike Meinz stated that Frontier is continuing to work on getting the Atlantic Broadband Education/Government channels on to their system.
- Comcast has initiated contact with Atlantic Broadband to fulfill their requirement to carry the PEG channels in their overbuilt areas.

New Business

- No new business.

Unfinished Business

Discussion: Scholarship Grant Process

- Jeff Buchbinder submitted a proposal. Members were asked to review and provide feedback directly to Jeff so that we can discuss and finalize at our July meeting.

Discussion: Advisory Council Membership

- Three new members since the last meeting. One attended tonight. Mike Mainz reported that he is waiting to send a letter to the nine CEOs until Frontier has the EG channels available.

Discussion: Town Web Sites

- Putnam and Griswold have posted some of the information. Other towns are being approached by their respective members.

Discussion: Town Channel 22

- Putnam has no channel 22 connection. The Atlantic Broadband representatives were asked to look into this.

Member Communications

Members invited to attend the Killingly Film Festival on May 17.

Motion to Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Stephen Marchesseault and seconded by Denise Roireau. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Berdick