

Cable TV Advisory Council of Eastern Connecticut Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by Chair Michael Meinz.

Roll Call of Members

Members Attending: Michael Meinz, Temosticles Valdes, Craig Merriman, Jeffrey Robillard

Members Absent: Stephen Marchesseault, Ed Berdick, James Barnie, Catherine Steel, Patricia Lannon

Atlantic Broadband representative attending: Nadine Heinen, Joshua George, Dave Sharkey

SEC-TV representative attending: Frank Facchini

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting was made Jeffrey Robillard and seconded by Temosticles Valdes. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Treasurer

Craig Merriman reported the balance is \$12,166.80.

Correspondence

- Thank you letter received from SEC-TV.

Public Comment

- None

Breezeline

- New office for technical staff in downtown New London. This office is not for customers.
- Breezeline's statistics show much improved customer service including much shorter wait times.

SEC-TV

- Website development proceeding. A responsive design for all device types. Public interaction features.
- New equipment purchased with help of the PEGPETIA grant and re-cycled equipment from Groton facility has been installed and is operational. Includes a new system for displaying PSA slide.
- Intends to work towards lowering amount of time showing PSA slides and increase time showing programming.

New Business

- Motion to approve Annual Report by Temosticles Valdes. Seconded by Jeffrey Robillard. Motion approved 4-0-0.

- The Chair appointed Temosticles Valdes as the nominating committee for the election to be held in May.
- Discussion: Cable TV subscription alternatives
 - The advisory council asked Breezeline to consider a lower priced cable TV package for senior citizens and low-income customers.
 - Nadine confirmed that Breezeline offers Internet services at a lower rate for low-income customers.
 - Nadine said that Breezeline wants to be the provider of choice and she will discuss the advisory council's proposal with upper management.

Old Business

- Killingly H.S. Quiet Corner Film Festival sponsorship
 - The Chair reported that the Killingly High School-sponsored Quiet Corner Film Festival materials are on the Quiet Corner Film Festival website and that notices have been sent to the high schools that include the information about a Community Access PSA track sponsored by the Cable TV Advisory Council. Members were asked to reserve the evening of May 31, 2023 so that they can attend the film festival event at Killingly High School.

Advisory Council Member Communications

- Griswold First Selectman visited East the Lyme townhall to learn about the touch-screen system used to record, live stream and cablecast townhall meetings.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52PM

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Meinz