



TO: ANCC MEMBERS
FROM: JOHN REPICKY
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (Oct. 19, 2005 – Weston)

Oct. 20, 2005

ATTENDANCE:

- Darien: Dave Dever
Easton:
Greenwich: Stuart Reider, Jenny Larkin
New Canaan: Paul Sedlack
Norwalk: Marge Costa, Victor Cromwell
Redding: Bob Moran
Stamford:
Weston: Bob Atkinson, Don Saltzman
Westport: Hal Levy, Judith Freedman, David Dreyfuss
Wilton: Carole Kleinfeld
Cablevision: Chris Klimek, Liz Losinski, Steve Shaye, Myles Rich
Public: Joe Bonomo, Dolly Curtis

1) Meeting began at 6:05 pm with 8 towns represented. HL welcomed new member from Westport. David Dreyfus a retired video production executive. Minutes of Sept. 7 were corrected by HL and approved.

2) Treasurer's Report -

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The Treasurer's report was approved.

3) Access Grants

A \$5,000 G Access Grant presented by Joe Bonomo of Wilton was approved. A \$5,000 G Access Grant presented by Jenny Larkin of Greenwich was approved. A \$5,000 G Access Grant presented by Dave Dever of Darien was conditionally approved pending receipt of the signed application.

4) Docket 05-04-10 Franchise Renewal:

Liz Losinski and Steve Shaye from CV corporate were present. Discussion with CV to preserve our local E & G Access model during the franchise renewal docket. A resolution passed in support of our current model of access provision and to oppose a 3rd party application that would change local control of E&G. The Council also resolved that we should work with Area 2 in the areas of common interest on this issue. A request was made to CV to come forward and join us in recommending to the DPUC in favor of Area 9 keeping the current local operation of town specific E & G channels. LL of CV responded that while they feel we have the preferred model of operation, they are waiting to see what happens in the current docket regarding SBC's video service before committing to access provision. HL appointed the executive committee to follow the trend and continue to negotiate with CV and the department on the issues of franchise renewal and Third Party Provider applications as well as meet with the counterpart committee in Area 2. LL said that Moss and Barnett were hired by DPUC to conduct needs assessment for Area 9.

**5) Docket 05-06-12 Video Over IP by CT Local Exchange Companies:**

A discussion ensued about Docket 05-06-12, SBC using video over IP. Verizon who is building in Old Greenwich has declared that they will be a "Cable" system and has been dropped from the docket. SBC maintains that they are not a "Cable" system and are not subject to regulation by the state. CV will wait for a decision on this docket before sending in a formal application for franchise renewal. HL pointed out that ANCC is intervenor in the docket and has submitted 2 commentary filings. There is a new schedule on the docket as a result of the technical meeting at the DPUC on 9/30. Final decision is now scheduled for 2/22/06 with hearings on 12/7&8/05.

**6) Docket 05-09-07 - DPUC Review Of Regulations Regarding the Required Number of Community Access Channels**

Discussed docket, which reviews state statute requiring additional PEG channels when any are filled to capacity. ANCC is a "participant". CV said there was no shortage of time periods for access programs. ANCC has no current plans to submit comments.

**7) Docket 05-07-09 - Petition of Cable Advisory Council of South Central Connecticut for a Declaratory Ruling:**

Regarding clarification on state statute prohibiting paid employees of community access provider from serving on advisory councils. ANCC is a "participant" but no schedule of filings or hearings on the docket. We will watch for the ruling.

**8) PEG Access Issues:**

Discussed pre-empting of G channel programming in Greenwich by Senator Nickerson program. CV agreed with ANCC that all pre-empting on town channels should be cleared with appropriate town coordinator. DC stated that audio problems on CH 77 have been cleared up.

**9) Other Business:**

CK stated that CV was prepared to put CT-N up on the I-Net so towns could elect to pick it off for their G channels but that a technician at CV said that a \$1500 modulator at each installation would be necessary or else the quality would be unacceptable. DS challenged that assertion and suggested that CV do an experiment, tuning through a VCR. On inquiry from last ANCC meeting on why CT-N can't be placed on vacant analog channel 60 or 75 CK answered that those are virtual channels that are not actually vacant.

D. Dreyfuss inquired about putting the local E&G program listings on CV's interactive program guide. LL responded that the guide is setup for system-wide programming and also lead times for getting information is a problem.

**10) 2005 Supplementary Equipment Grants**

Myles Rich distributed 8 sets of Sony DVD recording and playback units, Leightronix interfaces and Symetric AGC's to the towns in attendance.

Meeting dates: 11/30 Darien Town Hall Rm. 119, 1/4 Norwalk, 2/15 Wilton, 3/22 Stamford Library, 4/26 Greenwich

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 pm