

**TO: A9CC MEMBERS**  
**FROM: Hal Levy**  
**RE: MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2023 MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**March 23, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Darien: ~~Jim Cameron, David Dever, Joan McGottigan~~  
Easton: Doug Dempsey  
Greenwich: Craig Jones, Horst Tebbe, ~~Don Conway, Michael Reid~~  
New Canaan: ~~Paul Sedlak~~, Bob Doran, ~~Roman Cebulski~~  
Norwalk: Irene Dixon, Mark Minnock, ~~Andy Garfunke, Trevor Kline~~  
Redding: Bob Moran  
Stamford: ~~Eric Morson, Alec Logman~~  
Weston: ~~Don Saltzman~~  
Westport: Hal Levy, ~~Stan Witkow~~, Natalie Carrignan  
Wilton: ~~Gary Battaglia~~, Jeffrey Boehme, Fran Kompar  
Region 9: Mike D'Agostino  
Altice: ~~Esme Lombard~~  
Ed Committee: Julie Casper Roth (NCC)  
Guests: Eileen Zhang (Westport)

Excused: Jim Cameron, David Dever (Darien); Stan Witkow (Westport)

Hal called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:02pm with seven towns represented.

1. **Minutes** of the February 2 meeting was approved as written.
2. **Financial Report** was approved.
3. **Old Business:**
  - **Return of Weston Equipment** – Doug reported that inoperable equipment was identified and he emailed the group an updated list of remaining equipment for a last call to claim items. After which the remaining unclaimed items will be disposed of by some means such as donations.
  - **2023 Educational Access Awareness Awards:** Mike reported that Altice has agreed to finance trophies and equipment prizes for the award winners. The stipend will be paid to A9CC, who in turn will pay the vendors. The Council expressed its appreciation to Altice for its support of this valuable program to promote Educational Access in Area 9.
  - **2022 I-net reports** due 2/1/23. Owed E: \*Greenwich, \*Norwalk, \*Stamford, \*Weston, CSH; G: \*Greenwich, \*Stamford, \*Weston; Wilton. Towns & schools that have not submitted I-net reports or program logs will not be eligible for 2023 grants. Hal explained that program logs in lieu of I-net reports are requested from entities without an I-net feed, that receive access funding in order to ascertain their proper use of grant money.  
\* indicates no grants taken in 2022.
4. **2023 Round 1 grant program:**  
\$65,025 each to E & G. 9 grants of \$7,225 on the Government side (Weston has opted out). The breakdown of the Educational portion will be determined by the Ed Committee. A maximum of \$3,000 for each grant could be allocated to operations. The deadline for submitting grants from the towns is May 17. The deadline for submitting grants from the schools is September 14. Unused Round 1 funds retained separately in E&G funds for Round 2 grants.

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
Easton G	\$6,025.00	0	Approved
Westport G	\$7,225.00	0	Approved

Delinquent Grant Reports:

Town/School	Amount	Date Paid	Date Due	Notes/Status
CSH E	\$8,513.85	9/29/2022	11/28/2022	Request Refund
NCC E	\$9,033.99	12/22/2022	2/20/2023	Extended to next meeting
New Canaan G	\$3,400.00	12/19/2022	2/17/2023	Extended to next meeting

5. **Annual Meeting:** Will be held May 31 on Zoom. There is no election this year, but appointments will be requested in June for new two-year terms for A9CC members. Incumbent members should notify their Mayors, Selectmen and Schools Superintendents regarding their desire to continue serving on A9CC. Fran will create an EAAA presentation to be viewed at the meeting.
6. **Access Channel Programming Problems and Solutions:** Norwalk G's video server failed. Recommendations have been made for the type of equipment to replace it. However, the channel is currently down and if anyone has a spare unit to lend them, please contact Larry Manzi.
7. **Other Matters:** None reported

Future meetings: 5/31/2023 (All at 5PM on Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:37pm.