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Area 9 Cable Council, 17 Crawford Road, Westport, CT 06880

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TO: A9CC MEMBERS
FROM: Hal Levy for Judith Freedman, Secretary
RE: MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2016 MEETING IN EASTON

April 7, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: Jim Cameron, Dave Dever
Easton: Andy Anderson
Greenwich: Susan Morris
New Canaan: Paul Sedlak, Roman Cebulski
Norwalk:
Redding: Robert Moran
Stamford:
Weston: Harvey Bellin
Westport: Hal Levy
Wilton: Phil Sharlach, Gary Battaglia, Mathew Hepfer
Cablevision:
Guests: Robert Webe, John Savarese

Excused: Doug Dempsey (Easton), Paul Curtis, Stew Reider, Chris Von Keyserling (Greenwich); Don Saltzman (Weston); Judi Freedman, Stan Witkow, Jennifer Cirino (Westport)

Chairman Hal Levy called the meeting to order at 6:13pm with eight towns represented. He announced that Norwalk member Art Scialabba has resigned from the Council. Hal will contact the Norwalk Mayor regarding vacancy appointments.

1. **Minutes** of February 24, 2016 meeting were approved with 1 spelling correction.
2. **Financial Report** from the Treasurer was distributed, discussed and approved.
3. **Updates on old business:**
 - 2015 I-Net reports not received from the following: E: Darien, Easton, Norwalk, Redding, Stamford, Weston; G: Stamford
 - Member appointments: No appointments made for E->Darien, Easton/Redding, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford; G-> Stamford. Darien, Redding & Norwalk have new participants on the education committee. Superintendents of these towns will be contacted to make appointments to the full Council.
 - CTN – The legislature is considering expansion of CTN with 10 live web streams to be funded with \$5/Yr fee to be paid by Cable subscribers. There has been much opposition to the \$5.00 “tax” to subscribers and passage seems unlikely.
4. **Status of infrastructure upgrade of town-specific access channels:**

New digital encoders / decoders and accessory equipment have been installed in all of the G sites except Stamford. There are 3 remaining on the E side not counting Stamford.

5. 2016 Access Grant applications:

Town	Equip	Ops	Total	Status
Weston-G	\$5,500.00	\$3,500	\$9,000.00	Approved
Westport-G	\$9,500.00	0	\$9,500.00	Approved
Darien-G	\$5,559.94	0	\$5,559.94	Approved with conditions ¹
Redding-G	\$9,500.00	\$3,500	\$9,500.00	Approved
New Canaan-G	\$5,995.42	\$3,500	\$9,495.42	Approved
Easton-G	\$5,998.00	\$3,500	\$9,498.00	Approved
Wilton-G	\$8,750.00	\$750	\$9,500.00	Approved with modification ²
Wilton-E	\$6,406.90	\$3,000	\$9,406.90	Approved with conditions ³

- 1) Darien 2015 grant of \$6,000 has not been spent .By the 6/1 meeting Darien will either have to submit a grant report, refund the funds or request an extension.
- 2) Wilton G may get a reduction in the cost of the hardware and may apply those savings to increase the operations portion to a maximum of \$3,500
- 3) Wilton E must get grant approval from the Education Committee and submit its grant report for the 2015 round 2 grant

6. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on June 1st at Bertucci's in Darien. Details will be emailed to A9CC members. A motion was approved that A9CC members who have not attended a single meeting during the fiscal year will not be comped on their dinners. Hal will invite Mark Mathias to be the guest speaker on the topic of emerging technologies.

7. Other Matters

- Educational Access Awareness Awards (EAAA) – Mathew Hepfer stated that judging of student videos will be held in Wilton next month. Jim Cameron asked that a composite of select videos be produced and made available for carriage on the town G channels,
- CV sale to Altice – A technical meeting at PURA with Altice and A9CC is unlikely. NYC CV franchise municipalities are resistant to the deal and could delay beyond the projected closing date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Next meeting is 6/1/2016 in Darien.