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TO: A9CC MEMBERS **June 1, 2017**
FROM: Hal Levy for Judith Freedman, Secretary
RE: MINUTES OF MAY 31, 2017 ANNUAL MEETING AT ALTICE NORWALK

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: Jim Cameron, Marc Marin
Easton: Andy Anderson
Greenwich: Stu Reider, Chris von Keyserling, Susan Morris
New Canaan: Paul Sedlak
Norwalk:
Redding: Bob Moran
Stamford:
Weston: Harvey Bellin, Don Saltzman
Westport: Hal Levy, Judi Freedman, Stan Witkow, Jennifer Cirino
Wilton:
Altice: Jennifer Young
Ed Committee:
Guests: Roland Poirier, John Savarese

Excused: Dave Dever (Darien); Doug Dempsey (Easton); Roman Cebulski (New Canaan); Kyle Seaburg (Norwalk); Phil Sharlach, Fran Kompar, Gary Battaglia (Wilton);

Chairman Hal Levy called the meeting to order at 6:24 pm with seven towns represented.

Harvey Bellin introduced Roland Poirier, a prospective future council appointee from Weston. John Savarese was introduced and will be presenting a grant application for Wilton.

1. **Minutes** of April 12, 2017 meeting were approved as written with 2 abstentions.
2. **Financial Report** from the Treasurer was distributed, discussed and approved. Harvey inquired if funds from the operating account could be used for future Council projects. Hal responded that it was possible and the Council might entertain suggestions for projects.
3. **Updates on old business:**
 - 2016 I-Net reports requested by 2/1/17 have not received from the following: Edu: Easton/Redding, New Canaan, Weston. These have missed the deadline for filing with PURA. Can still submit in order to qualify for grants.
 - Member appointments: No appointments made for Edu: Easton/Redding, New Canaan, Stamford; Gov: Stamford, Norwalk. Letters will be going out to town CEO's and school superintendents shortly for new 2-year appointments covering 7/1/2017 – 6/30/2019. Appointments for Harvey Bellin and Don Saltzman of Weston have already been made for the new term. Chris von Keyserling announced that he will not be seeking reappointment and was thanked for his service.

4. **2017 Access Grant Applications:** The following applications were considered:

Town	Amount	Notes/Status
Weston G	\$7,669.59	Approved
New Canaan G	\$ 4326.68	Approved
Norwalk G	\$7,700.00	Tabled until September meeting as applicant was not available in person or by phone to answer questions regarding projector on application
Westport G	\$7,700.00	Approved
Wilton G	\$7,700.00	Approved

2017 round 1 government grants are now closed. The deadline for round1 education applications is September 11th.

Marc Marin reported that Darien E is proceeding with new content on its Educational Access Channel with the help of the grants it has received.

5. **Report on the 2017 Education Access Awareness Awards (EAAA):** Jennifer Cirino reported on the results of the judging on May 17. Three videos that won the “Repicky Award” in the elementary school, middle school and high school categories were shown to the Council. All videos produced will be run on their respective Education Access Channels. A press release detailing the results of the contest will be released shortly.
6. **Tentative A9CC meeting schedule for 2017-18:** It was decided to hold all future meetings at Altice due to the convenient location and accommodating meeting room. Council members will help in meeting preparations on a rotating basis. The tentative meeting schedule is as follows:

9/13/2017, 10/25/2017, 12/13/2017, 2/7/2018, 4/4/2018, 5/30/2018

7. **Other Matters**

Jennifer Young reported on some of Altice’s technology plans such as a rebuild to bring fiber to the home, resulting in gigabit data throughput. It is anticipated that one unspecified town in CT will be built within a month’s time as part of an initial rollout.

The next A9CC meeting is 9/13/2017 6 PM at Altice Norwalk.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38