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TO: ANCC MEMBERS **September 17, 2008**
FROM: Geza Ziegler (Secretary Pro Tem)
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (September 16, 2008)

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: David Dever
Easton: Andy Anderson
Greenwich:
New Canaan: Paul Sedlak
Norwalk: Herb Grant, Marge Costa
Redding: Robert Moran
Stamford: Mike Pensiero, Geza Ziegler
Weston: Don Saltzman, Harvey Bellin
Westport: Hal Levy
Wilton:
Cablevision: Jennifer Young
Public: John Savarese from Wilton, Dolly Curtis from Easton

Chairman Hal Levy called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm at CV in Norwalk, with 8 towns represented.

1. **Opening comments** from Chairman Levy: Former ANCC treasurer Sam Tasi passed away on July 8. Guests introduced.
2. **Minutes** of the May 28th meeting approved.
3. **Treasurer's report** distributed, discussed and accepted. Motion passed that the deadline for outstanding vouchers is 30 days. Herb Grant is new treasurer.
4. **Old Business:** Supplemental equipment grants from Cablevision have all been delivered. The nNovia decks were the wrong items and should be returned to CV so they can be exchanged. (Easton New Canaan, Redding and Wilton.)
DPUC docket 08-02-11 Final decision 8-13-08: CVFA and CCFA holders are exempt from VTR filing requirements and regularly scheduled infrastructure-related filings.

Docket 08-04-02 Final decision 7/16/08: CATV companies that have been granted a CCFA or CVFA are no longer subject to basic service tier rate regulation by the Department.

5. **Docket 08-06-12** Application of Cablevision of Connecticut for a Certificate of Video Franchise Authority. Cablevision applied for and on 7/2 received a CVFA, not a CCFA, and surrendered its CPCN. Statute calls for a statewide advisory council for CVFAs. D. Saltzman commented that he could not find a local advisory council designation in the new law for this certificate. CV agreed to recognize the council as in the past. ANCC is

therefore operating on the acceptance of the provider company. The question needs to be resolved. J. Young will provide the council with CV's analysis prior to the next meeting.

6. **Relocation of PEG channels** from analog to digital discussed. CV notified DPUC of this plan 30 days prior to the move. CV will provide one box to each analog subscriber (one per house) and to each municipal entity and each school. The implementation was delayed by no more than 30 days from September 16. The Attorney General has requested a contested case. The change would affect analog receivers adversely. Suggestions were made for advance warning crawls/bulletin board on each community's E- and G-channels advising customers what to do if they wish to view the PEG channels after a certain date.

M. Pensiero moved that the collective support of ANCC be given to request that Cablevision provide a minimum of one digital cable box for each school in the ANCC area that would be unrestricted for those educational related channels that the schools are using that have (and would) transition to the digital tier (e.g. The Learning Channel, A & E). The motion was seconded and carried. H. Levy will forward Mike's letter with a cover letter to CV addressed to Adam Falk, VP of Regulatory and Strategic and Government Affairs.

7. To vote on ANCC membership renewal in the **Alliance for Community Media**. \$100/year. Moved, seconded and carried.
8. **Government access application** from Westport (\$3948). Moved, seconded and carried. Wilton applied for \$7950 which exceeded the \$4000 maximum. A. Anderson moved that approval be given with the condition that the town comes up with the difference until the decision be made for supplemental grants. Seconded and carried. Seven towns have not applied for 2008 grants. Motion made to extend the deadline until 10/29. A. Anderson moved. Seconded and carried.
9. **Other Business:** D. Dever experienced problems on Ch. 79. Cablevision responded immediately and restored operation. Complimented CV.

Future meetings: 10/29 (Easton); 12/17 moved to 12/3. 2/11(Darien); 4/8 (4/1); 6/3.

Adjourned at 7:55.