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Area 9 Cable Council, c/o Wilton Town Hall, 238 Danbury Rd., Wilton, CT 06897 www.a9cc.org

TO: A9CC MEMBERS
FROM: Assistant Secretary
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (Sep. 19, 2012)

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ATTENDANCE:

Darien:	David Dever
Easton:	Andy Anderson, Doug Dempsey
Greenwich:	Paul Curtis
New Canaan:	Paul Sedlak
Norwalk:	Roger Williams, Erin Halsey, Herbert Grant
Redding:	Robert Moran
Stamford:	Geza Ziegler
Weston:	Don Saltzman, Harvey Bellin
Westport:	Hal Levy, Stanley Witkow, Judith Freedman
Wilton:	Gary Battaglia
Cablevision:	Jennifer Young

Excused: Jim Cameron (Darien), Stuart Reider (Greenwich), Roger Williams (New Canaan), Carole Young-Kleinfeld (Wilton).

Guests: Gretchen Webster

HL called the A9CC Meeting to order at 6.07pm. All 10 towns were represented.

1. The Minutes of June 6 Meeting were approved as submitted.

2. The Financial Report from the Treasurer—approved

3. Updates on old business:

- JY gave an update on the U-Verse access funds that CV has offered to have A9CC administer and has drafted a letter to PURA seeking its approval.
- Sound View has filed a challenge in Superior Court against PURA's ruling to uphold the transfer of a portion of Access funds to the Area 2 Council for town-specific channels. HL explained that CV is the Community Access Provider (CAP) in Area 9, whereas Sound View is the CAP in Area 2 and therefore the situations are very different.
- PEGPETIA grant information has been publicized to A9CC members as was requested by PURA.

4. Presentation:

Gretchen Webster gave a presentation on internship opportunities for the Town channels. Interested parties can contact her for more information at gwebster@internswork.com.

5. 2012 Access Grants:

- Government Access grant request from New Canaan presented by Paul Sedlak for \$1355 for a computer was approved.
- Erin Halsey presented the Norwalk request for \$1545.77 for sound equipment plus \$2,000 for operations (pending submission of report for 2011 operations grant). The application was approved.
- 2012 Grant requests must be submitted by 10/12/12.

6. Inquiry from Ed Access Committee: to use access funds for teacher training was discussed. Moved to give a negative answer, as there is no authority given from PURA or the legislature to use access funds for such purposes. Motion carried.

7. Cablevision / Tribune carriage dispute for WPIX, Fox and Antenna TV. (Ch. 11, 20 &114.): Conflict on costs per sub asked by the provider is still unresolved. CV has been substituting previews of Style and NFL Networks on the channels.

8. Schedule of A9CC Meetings 2012-2013: 10/17/2012 (Redding), 11/28/2012 (Greenwich), 2/6/2013 (Wilton), 4/3/2013 (Easton) and 6/5/2013 (Annual).

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Geza Ziegler
Assistant Secretary.