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TO: A9CC MEMBERS **September 14, 2017**
FROM: Hal Levy for Judith Freedman, Secretary
RE: MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 MEETING AT ALTICE NORWALK

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: David Dever, Marc Marin
Easton: Andy Anderson, Doug Dempsey
Greenwich:
New Canaan: Roman Cebulski
Norwalk:
Redding: Bob Moran
Stamford:
Weston: Harvey Bellin, Don Saltzman
Westport: Hal Levy
Wilton: Gary Battaglia, Fran Kompar
Altice: Jennifer Young
Ed Committee:
Guests: Larry Manzi

Excused: Jim Cameron (Darien); Stuart Reider, Paul Curtis, Susan Morris (Greenwich); Paul Sedlak (New Canaan); Stan Witkow, Judi Freedman (Westport)

Chairman Hal Levy called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm with seven towns represented.

Larry Manzi was introduced and will be presenting a grant application for Norwalk-G.

It was noted that Natalie Carrignan has been appointed as the education member from Westport to replace Jennifer Cirino.

1. **Minutes** of May 31, 2017 meeting were approved as written with 1 abstention.
2. **Financial Report** from the Treasurer was distributed, discussed and approved. Don inquired if funds from the operating account could be used for future grants. Hal responded that it was possible and the Council might entertain such a motion in the future.
3. **Updates on old business:**
 - 2016 I-Net reports requested by 2/1/17 have not received from the following: Edu: Easton/Redding, Weston. These have missed the deadline for filing with PURA. Can still submit in order to qualify for grants.
 - Member appointments: Appointment letters for the current term ending 6/30/2019 were sent out to Town CEO's & Schools Superintendents on 6/15. No appointments received for E-> Darien, Greenwich, Easton/Redding, Norwalk, Stamford; G-> Darien, Easton, Greenwich, Norwalk, Redding, Wilton. Please contact your CEO's & Superintendents regarding your desire to serve. After a grace period, we will come up with a deadline to receive appointments.
4. **To elect a treasurer to finish the current term ending 6/30/18:** Treasurer Philip Sharlach has resigned from the Council. Hal called for nominations, but none came forth.

5. **2017 Access Grant Applications:** The following applications were considered:

Town	Amount	Notes/Status
Norwalk-G	\$7,700.00	Approved with modifications
Wilton-E	\$5,996.99	Approved
Darien-E	\$9,396.58	Approved
New Canaan-E	\$10,355.85	Approved
Norwalk CC	\$10,032.59	Approved
CSH	\$6,715.16	Approved

All 2017 round 1 grants are now closed.

6. **2017 Round 2 Education & Government grants:** There is \$14,232.17 remaining for Round 2 grants. At the meeting it was anticipated that there would be \$24,588 and it was determined after leaving a small reserve to allocate half of the remaining funds each for Education & Government grants. Using the actual amounts, the Council is to creating \$6,000 each in funding for Round 2 Education and Government grants. The Education Committee will determine how to allocate the funds and will have a deadline of Monday 10/23. There will be nine Round 2 Government grants not to exceed \$667 each, to be used for any combination of equipment and/or operations. Government applications will have a deadline of the Monday 12/11.
7. **Altice TV rate changes:** In June Altice announced that new Basic tier customers & existing customers who switch to Basic will pay \$19.99, which includes a \$3.99 Broadcast TV surcharge. Other changes affect Optimum Online, which is not in A9CC purview.
8. **Council activities in the 2017-2018 term:** We will endeavor to have guest speakers and informational sessions at some meetings. Hal will try to schedule former P.A. producer Miggs Burroughs. Harvey felt that it would be helpful to receive information on the future of video services, particularly from Altice. Members are encouraged to help facilitate speakers and/or information sessions.
9. **Other Matters**

Don brought a box of components supplied by Cablevision prior to grant programs for any town that might have use for them.

Harvey connected with Andy to help solve Weston's audio problems.

Jennifer reported that Altice is currently doing the initial rebuild in Greenwich to bring fiber to the home, resulting in gigabit data throughput.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52

Future meetings: 10/25/2017, 12/13/2017, 2/7/2018, 4/4/2018, 5/30/2018 all at 6PM at Altice Norwalk