

**TO: A9CC MEMBERS**  
**FROM: Hal Levy**  
**RE: MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**September 21, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Darien: Jim Cameron, David Dever, Mike Wheeler, Tim McGuire  
Easton: Doug Dempsey  
Greenwich: Craig Jones, Horst Tebbe, ~~Don Conway~~, Barbara Heins ~~Sean Mayo~~  
New Canaan: ~~Paul Sedlak~~, Bob Doran, Roman Cebulski  
Norwalk: ~~Irene Dixon~~, Mark Minnock, ~~Andy Garfunkel~~, ~~Trevor Kline~~  
Redding: Bob Moran  
Stamford: ~~Eric Morson~~, Ryan Fealey  
Weston: ~~Don Saltzman~~  
Westport: Hal Levy, Stan Witkow, Natalie Carrignan  
Wilton: ~~Gary Battaglia~~, Jeffrey Boehme, Fran Kompar  
Region 9: Mike D'Agostino  
Altice: Esme Lombard  
Ed Committee: David Pisani (CSH Greenwich)  
Guests:

Excused: Barbara Heins, Sean Mayo (Greenwich);

Hal called the meeting to order at 5:02pm with nine towns represented.

1. **New members** were welcomed: Mike Wheeler (Darien G), Tim McGuire (Darien E); Barbara Heins (Greenwich G); Sean Mayo (Greenwich E); John Freda (Norwalk E); Ryan Fealey (Stamford E). Barbara & Sean are returning members who previously were on the Council.
2. **Minutes** of the May 31 meeting was approved as written.
3. **Financial Report** was approved.
4. **Old Business:**
  - 2022 I-net reports** due 2/1/23. Owed Edu: \*Greenwich, \*Norwalk, \*Stamford, \*Weston; Gov: \*Greenwich, \*Stamford, \*Weston; Wilton. Towns & schools that have not submitted I-net reports or program logs will not be eligible for 2023 grants. \* indicates no grants taken in 2022.
  - **Status of appointments for current term:** Appointment letters have not been received for the following incumbents: New Canaan G (Paul Sedlak); Norwalk G (Irene Dixon, Mark Minnock, Andy Garfunkel); Stamford G (Eric Morson); Weston G (Don Saltzman); Westport G (Stan Witkow); Wilton G (Gary Battaglia, Jeffrey Boehme). Please follow up with your appointing authority or let Hal know if you do not intend to serve on A9CC going forward.
  - **DOCKET NO. 22-06-26 PURA Study of the Operations of Certified Third-Party Nonprofit Community Access Programming Providers.** A9CC written comments were submitted 6/6/23. The draft decision on the docket is scheduled for 11/1/23
5. **2023 Round 1 grant program:**

\$65,025 each to E & G. 9 grants of \$7,225 on the Government side (Weston has opted out). The breakdown of the Educational portion will be determined by the Ed Committee. A maximum of \$3,000 for each grant could be allocated to operations. The deadline for submitting grants from the towns was May 17. The deadline for submitting grants from the schools is September 14. Unused Round 1 funds retained separately in E&G funds for Round 2 grants.

| Town/School  | Amount      | Ops        | Notes/Status |
|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Darien G     | \$5,542.74  | \$3,000.00 | Approved     |
| Westport E   | \$11,182.00 | 0          | Approved     |
| Wilton E     | \$9,852.00  | \$3,000.00 | Approved     |
| CSH E        | \$10,825.99 | 0          | Approved     |
| New Canaan E | \$10,869.58 | \$1,000.00 | Approved     |
| Region 9 E   | \$10,997.32 | 0          | Approved     |

Delinquent Grant Reports:

| Town/School  | Amount     | Date Paid  | Date Due  | Notes/Status             |
|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| New Canaan G | \$2,250.00 | 12/19/2022 | 6/17/2023 | Extended to next meeting |
| Redding G    | \$4,672.85 | 6/12/2023  | 8/11/2023 | Extended to next meeting |

**6. 2023 Round 2 grant program (Revised)**

|                            | Edu         | Govt        |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Round 2 U-verse Allocation | \$4,301.20  | \$4,301.20  |
| Round 1 unused funds       | \$11,298.11 | \$22,787.26 |
| Returned funds             | 0           | \$702.78    |
| Available for Round 2      | \$15,599.31 | \$27,791.24 |
| Normalized Available       | \$15,600.00 | \$27,800.00 |

\$15,600 to Edu, \$27,800 to Gov; 7 grants of \$3,971 on the Government side available to Darien, Easton, New Canaan, Norwalk, Redding, Westport and Wilton; Breakdown of the Educational portion to be determined by the Ed Committee; A maximum of \$2,000 for each grant can be allocated to operations; The deadline for submitting grants from the towns & schools is 12/4/2023.

7. **Access Channel Programming Problems and Solutions:** Mike Wheeler spoke about using AI applications for meetings televised on the access channels. One that Darien looked at is <https://tldv.io/>. Zoom will soon be coming out with a service and Mike will keep us informed.

8. **Other Matters:**

Esme announced that Altice's Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest is running through October 31<sup>st</sup>. She will send members information on the contest.

Future Meetings: 10/25/2023, 12/13/2023, 1/31/2024, 3/20/2024, 5/29/2024 (All at 5PM on Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 6:01pm.