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TO: A9CC MEMBERS **September 20, 2024**
FROM: Hal Levy
RE: MINUTES OF September 18, 2024 MEETING VIA ZOOM

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, John Freda~~
- Redding: ~~Bob Moran~~
- Stamford: Eric Morson, ~~Bob Lion, Ryan Fealey~~
- Weston:
- Westport: Hal Levy, Stan Witkow, ~~Natalie Carrignan~~
- Wilton: Jeffrey Boehme, Maria Breece
- Region 9: Mike D’Agostino
- Altice: ~~Esme Lombard~~
- Ed Committee:
- Guests:

- Excused: Bob Moran (Redding); Nancy Carrignan (Westport); Dave Dever (Darien); Mark Minnock (Norwalk)

Hal called the meeting (Annual Meeting) to order at 5:05pm with nine towns represented.

1. **Minutes** of the May 29 meeting was approved as written.
2. **Financial Report** was approved.
3. **Old Business:**
 - Uverse pass through E&G funds TBD is still pending. Update was requested from Esme. Last year the payment was made on February 21.
4. **2024 Round 1 grant program**

\$62,460 each to E & G; 9 grants of \$6,940 on the Government side; Breakdown of the Educational portion to 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 11. Unused Round 1 funds will be retained separately in E&G funds for Round 2 grants.

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
Easton G	\$4,440.00	0	Modification of round 1 grant approved
Region 9 E	\$7,537.95	0	Approved
New Canaan E	\$2,619.24	0	Approved
Wilton E	\$3,200.00	0	Approved

This concludes Round 1 of the 2024 grant program.

Delinquent Grant Reports:

Town/School	Amount	Date Paid	Date Due	Notes/Status
New Canaan E	\$2,000.00	3/12/2024	5/11/2024	3 Repicky awards
Redding	\$1,325.00	12/19/2023	6/16/2024	Extended to next meeting
Redding	\$3,950.00	6/9/2024	8/4/2024	Extended to next meeting
Wilton E	\$3,224.45	6/18/2024	8/17/2024	Grant payment returned
CSH E	\$6,866.00	5/31/2024	7/30/2024	Will Request

5. 2024 Round 2 grant program

	Edu	Govt
Round 2 U-verse Allocation	*\$2,500	*\$2,500
Round 1 unused funds	\$23,289	\$3,1836
Returned funds	0	0
Available for Round 2	\$25,789	\$34,336

* U-verse funds estimated as there has been no information provided

\$25,789 to Edu, \$34,336 to Gov; 7 grants of \$4,905 on the Government side; Breakdown of the Educational portion to be determined by the Ed Committee; A maximum of \$2,500 for each grant can be allocated to operations; The deadline for submitting grants from the towns & schools is 12/4/2024.

6. Access Channel Programming Problems and Solutions

Using AI to summarize meeting transcripts – Jim Discussed Darien’s experience using Vimeo AI to create transcripts of meetings appearing on Darien Channel 79. One of the immediate benefits is the automatic generation of chapters, which enable viewers to jump directly to topics of interest. Another benefit is the automatic generation of closed captioning onto the video. There was general discussion by the group pointing out benefits and some pitfalls of AI generated transcripts. Jim cautioned that transcripts should be carefully screened for possible errors that might create erroneous and even slanders content.

7. Other Matters

- Doug reiterated his request to Altice for access channel viewer data.

Future Meetings: 10/23/2024 12/11/2024 1/29/2025 3/19/2025 5/28/2025 (All at 5PM on Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:53pm.