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Area Nine Cable Council

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TO: ANCC MEMBERS

October 25, 2006

FROM: Carole Young-Kleinfeld

RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (October 18, 2006)

ATTENDANCE:

Darien:	Dave Dever
Easton:	Leighton Jordan
Greenwich:	
New Canaan:	Paul Sedlak
Norwalk:	Marge Costa
Redding:	Bob Moran
Stamford:	Geza Ziegler
Weston:	Don Saltzman, Bob Atkinson
Westport:	Hal Levy
Wilton:	Carole Young-Kleinfeld, John Repicky
Cablevision:	Deb Hutton, Gary Shaw

The meeting began at 6:00 pm at the Weston Library with 9 towns represented. Deb Hutton introduced a guest from Cablevision, Gary Shaw.

1. The ANCC approved the minutes of the meeting of September 6, 2006.

2. **Treasurer's Report** was approved following clarification that Easton's grant request is pending, waiting for final paperwork for 2005 supplemental grant funding previously approved by the ANCC. Norwalk submitted its completed final paperwork for its 2004 grant at the meeting.

3. Discussion of Docket # 05-04-10: Cablevision 2007 Franchise Renewal

Vice Chair Don Saltzman complimented Chairman Hal Levy on his thorough reply briefs submitted to the DPUC on behalf of the ANCC. Hal Levy reviewed the revised timetable: draft decision due on 10/31/06 followed by written exceptions, final oral arguments and final decision. Area 2 draft decision is due on Friday, 10/20/06. Members were reminded to check the DPUC Website for any updates. <http://www.state.ct.us/DPUC/>

Deb Hutton reminded the group that anyone can sign up to receive all DPUC filings via e-mail through the DPUC Website.

HL reported that the ANCC had received bills in the amount of \$6601.00 (Cohen & Wolf PC) for their legal counsel (consultation and representation) through the franchise process. He will draft a letter to all first selectmen in Area Nine towns requesting reimbursement to the ANCC from the 10 towns and send it to ANCC members for their edits. HL urged the members of the ANCC to communicate with the first selectmen about this request.

4. Supplemental Equipment Grant Requests— DH reported that she estimates delivery of supplemental equipment to take place in approximately 1 month.

5. Grant Program—HL reviewed the ANCC's updated procedures for submitting grants. The procedures address ownership of equipment, voucher submission, etc. New forms are on the ANCC Website.

DS reminded members that FY 2006 grants (\$4,000) expire on 12/31/06 and requested from Cablevision staff a description of the process by which they dispose of obsolete equipment. HL urged members to keep a record of equipment ownership, marking all grant-acquired equipment be labeled as property of Government or Educational Access. John Repicky suggested a spreadsheet program itemizing all equipment with ownership—whether Access or municipal -- clearly indicated.

Greenwich's grant application for \$3330 was approved by the Council; Weston's application for \$4000 was approved. Norwalk's application carried over from 10/2004 was approved. Norwalk is still eligible for FY06 funds, pending completion of outstanding final report for FY 2005 grant.

JR suggested that all grant applicants "shop around" for the best prices on equipment that they intend to buy from grant funds.

6. Construction Delays in Darien, Weston, and New Canaan. Delays have been resolved.

7. PEG Access Issues—HL and JR will work on designing a survey to update what's being shown (titles, content) on the E/G channels by town. JR suggested that the ANCC consider Public Access issues: should we reach out to P-producers? Is there a way to edit their video more conveniently?

8. Other--The group discussed promotional rates for transitioning to digital service. JR suggested that CV consider offering a truncated box for each school to receive digital service. DH expressed doubt about the receptivity to this idea, in light of possible AT&T entry into area.

9. Next Meeting--11/29—Easton. Place TBA.

Future meeting schedule--1/3 in Wilton; 2/7 in Greenwich; 3/21 in Darien; 4/25 in Norwalk. Please contact Hal if you wish to host a meeting in your town.
Annual Meeting—TBA.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.