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Area 9 Cable Council, 17 Crawford Road, Westport, CT 06880

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**TO: A9CC MEMBERS**  
**FROM: Freedman, Secretary**  
**RE: MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2014 MEETING**

**October 28, 2014**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Darien: Dave Dever, Jim Cameron  
Easton: Andy Anderson, Doug Dempsey  
Greenwich:  
New Canaan: Paul Sedlak  
Norwalk: Herbert Grant, Art Scialabba  
Redding: Robert Moran  
Stamford:  
Weston: Don Saltzman, Harvey Bellin,  
Westport: Hal Levy, Judith Freedman, Jennifer Cirino  
Wilton: Philip Sharlach  
Cablevision:  
Ed Access Committee: Stony Duren (NCC), Susan Morris (Greenwich)

Excused: Stuart Reider, Paul Curtis, Chris von Keyserling (Greenwich); Roman Cebulski (New Canaan); Erin Herring (Norwalk); Gary Battaglia (Wilton)

Chairman Hal Levy called the A9CC Meeting to order at 6:02pm. 8 towns were represented. Hal thanked Bob for hosting.

1. **Minutes** of Sept. 10 were approved as written, with Cameron and Freedman abstaining, as they were not at that meeting.
2. **Financial report** from the Treasurer was distributed, discussed and approved.
3. **Updates on old business:**
  - Docket 14-08-02 (BCH) PURA Investigation into the Use of a Government Community Access Channel During an Emergency. A9CC declined to submit written comments, which were originally due 10/17 and extended to 10/31, because the issue doesn't apply to town-specific channels.
  - Saltzman reported that PEGPETIA funds seized by the State might be released back to intended applications at the end of 2015.
4. **2014 Access Grant Requests:**
  - Westport E-Grant request for \$7,000.00 presented by Jennifer Cirino was approved.
  - Convent of the Sacred Heart E-Grant request for \$6,533.00 from Karl Haeseler with comments by Susan Morris was approved with the contingency that there be a formal agreement between the Greenwich School District and the Convent of the Sacred Heart, with the Greenwich School District allocating a certain amount of time to the Convent of the Sacred Heart for programming. The agreement needs to be brought back to the Council.

- Norwalk Community College E-Grant request for \$7,982.54 presented by Stony Duren was approved with the following stipulation: The equipment when available may be used by other E&G access channels in Area 9 as long as there is an approved qualified operator supervising.
- Greenwich Public Schools E-Grant request for \$6,990.00 Ed. Access grant, presented by Susan Morris was approved. However, the Council requested that the applicant submit numbers for the application questions *“How many hours a week does your school system broadcast video programming and how many different programs are broadcast each week?”*
- New Canaan G-Grant request for \$4,119.99 presented by Paul Sedlak was approved.
- Weston G-Grant request for \$5,500.00 presented by Harvey Bellin was approved. The applicant was asked to submit a corrected application changing the \$14,490 request to the \$5,500 maximum eligible with the remainder paid by the Town.
- Darien G-Grant request for \$1,035.18 presented by Doug Dever was approved.
- Redding G-Grant request for \$5,500.00 presented by Bob Moran was approved.
- Easton G-Grant request for \$6,843.39 presented by Doug Dempsey and Andy Anderson, was approved. Dempsey inquired if an operations grant bringing the total up to the maximum eligible amount could be tacked on. The Council voted to accept and approve a modified grant application to include an operations component.

#### 5. **Direct Equipment Grant Proposal**

At the September A9CC meeting, the Council approved the use of access funds to improve the delivery and quality of access programs with a package of equipment to include digital encoder/decoder, bar & tone generator, video monitor and time base corrector. Cablevision has proposed directly providing \$30,000 worth of equipment for 2014. A motion to use this direct equipment grant to go toward the acquisition of equipment packages for the upgrade was approved by the Council with the provision that costs beyond the \$30K will be supplemented with existing access funds. Cablevision with the input of Paul Curtis will identify the specific items for purchase.

#### 6. **2014 round two government access grant program**

Of the \$75K allocated for 2014, approximately \$44K was spent in round one. A Proposal for \$3,200 round two grants with up to \$1,500 going towards operations was approved. The deadline for the applications is 12/10.

7. There was no **other business**. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

Next meeting is December 10, 2014 in New Canaan.

Future meetings are: Feb 25, 2015 in Greenwich; April 8, 2015 in Easton; June 3, 2015 TBA