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**TO: A9CC MEMBERS** **October 31, 2019**  
**FROM: Hal Levy**  
**RE: MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2019 MEETING AT ALTICE NORWALK**

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Darien: Jim Cameron, Joan McGettigan  
Easton: Doug Dempsey  
Greenwich: Craig Jones, Horst Tebbe, Sean Mayo  
New Canaan: Paul Sedlak, Roman Cebulski  
Norwalk: Irene Dixon, Mark Minnock  
Redding: Robert Moran  
Stamford:  
Weston: Don Saltzman, Harvey Bellin  
Westport: Hal Levy, Natalie Carrignan  
Wilton: Jeffrey Boehme, Fran Kompar  
Region 9: Mike D'Agostino  
Altice: John Dullaghan  
Ed Committee:  
Guests: Roland Poirier (Weston)

Excused: Dave Dever (Darien); Andy Anderson (Easton); Barbara Heins (Greenwich); Kyle Seaburg (Norwalk); Bob Lion (Stamford); Stan Witkow, Judi Freedman (Westport)

Chairman Hal Levy called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm with nine towns represented. New member Mark Minnock (Norwalk-G) was introduced and welcomed to the Council.

1. **Minutes** of the September 25 meeting was approved.
2. **Financial Report** was distributed discussed and approved.
3. **Old Business:**
  - John Dullaghan announced that Altice has hired a Connecticut Government Affairs Director. Her name is Esme Lombard and she will be working in Long Island City next week and afterwards in Norwalk. Hal will pass on her contact information to the Council once it's received. John remains as the contact until Esme takes over.
  - Member appointments are pending for New Canaan, Stamford & Wilton Govt. and Stamford Edu., awaiting responses from those CEO's & Superintendents. Voting privileges for incumbent members who have not been reappointed will be revoked after December.
  - There has been no change in status on FCC Docket No. 05-311 to allow cable companies to apply in-kind expenses to franchise fees, although it was reiterated and affirmed that this shouldn't affect PEG in CT; HB 5486 - An Act Repealing the Transfer from the PEG Programming and Education Technology Investment Account (PEGPETIA) to the General Fund; and Proposed H.B. No. 6421 An Act Concerning The Regulation Of Cable Television Rates. We will no longer follow these items unless something changes.
  - The Norwalk Optimum walk-in center has been temporarily closed 8-10 weeks for renovations after which it will reopen as an "Experience Center". There are alternatives posted for service pending the reopening of the center,
  - Jim passed around a sheet asking for input on what access stations are paying for camera operators. This is a follow on to the email he sent out previously.

4. **2019 Round 2 grant applications:** The following applications were considered:

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
Region 9 E	\$7,493.64	0	Approved
Wilton E	\$7,527.59	\$2,500	Approved
Darien E	\$7,427.57	0	Approved
New Canaan E	\$7,500.38	\$2,000.00	Approved
Greenwich E	\$7,501.48	0	*Approved with condition
Easton G	\$2,929.26	0	Approved

\*Approved on condition that in lieu of the 2018 I-Net log, a statement indicating that the I-Net feed was not operational, will be submitted within 10 days.

The deadline to submit remaining Round 2 grant applications is 12/2. Hal asked that applicants follow the written Grant Procedures and indicated that we will be enforcing rules regarding the timely submission of Grant Reports.

5. **Other Matters**

- The number to reach the Norwalk headend is 203-750-5696
- Don questioned whether a recent offering of Business Optimum was less costly than the equivalent home service and if so, what is required to be recognized as a business. Don will look into this.
- Mike D'Agostino inquired about Altice's commitment to continue providing video services in the future given the advent of over the top streaming services. John stated that the company was committed to video over the cable.
- Ed Committee Minutes – The Ed Access website <https://sites.google.com/view/edaccess> is not being maintained and consequently minutes over the last year are not accessible. Roman was asked to remedy this.
- Some Channel 79 website links on a9cc.org are outdated. Hal will look into this.
- Paul Sedlak restated the desire to be able to record access channels on the Optimum DVR service. A resolution requesting this was passed by the Council.

Future meetings: 12/11/2019, 1/29/2020, 4/1/2020 all 6PM at Altice, 5/27/2020 TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm