

TO: A9CC MEMBERS **October 28, 2021**
FROM: Hal Levy
RE: MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2021 MEETING VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE:

- Darien: Jim Cameron, David Dever, Joan McGettigan
- Easton: Doug Dempsey, Andy Anderson
- Greenwich: Craig Jones, Barbara Heins, ~~Herst Tebbe, Don Conway~~, Michael Reid
- New Canaan: ~~Paul Sedlak, Bob Doran~~, Roman Cebulski
- Norwalk: ~~Irene Dixon, Mark Minnock, Andy Garfunke, Trevor Kline~~
- Redding: Bob Moran
- Stamford: Bob Lion, Eric Morson, Alec logman
- Weston: Don Saltzman, ~~Cabe Tully~~
- Westport: Hal Levy, Stan Witkow, Natalie Carrignan
- Wilton: ~~Gary Battaglia~~, Jeffrey Boehme, Fran Kompar
- Region 9: Mike D'Agostino
- Altice: Esme Lombard
- Ed Committee:
- Guests: Eileen Zhang (Westport)

Excused: Paul Sedlak, Bob Doran (New Canaan); Irene Dixon (Norwalk)

Hal called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:05pm with ten towns represented.

1. **Welcome New Members:** Michael Reid from Greenwich E was welcomed to the Council.
2. **Minutes** of the September 22 meeting was approved with 1 abstention.
3. **Financial Report** was approved.
4. **Old Business:**
 - A9CC appointments through 6/1/23: Appointment letters were sent to town CEO's and schools superintendents in June and follow-ups in August. No appointments from G-> Weston; E-> Norwalk, Weston. Those members were asked to touch base with their appointing authorities. Check A9CC.org for status.
5. **2021 Round 2 grant program:**

\$15,000 for Educ. grants, \$35,000 for Govt. grants. 10 grants of \$3,500 on the Government side. The breakdown of the Educational portion is to be determined by the Ed Committee. A maximum of \$1,500 for each grant can be allocated to operations. The deadline for submitting grants from the towns & schools is 12/8/2021.

The following applications were reviewed:

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
Westport G	\$3,399.50	0	Approved
Easton G	\$2,000.00	0	Approved

Delinquent Grant Reports

Town/School	Amount	Date Paid	Date Due	Notes/Status
Weston G	\$4,000.00	12/21/2020	2/19/2021	Don will f/u with Jonathan
Weston G	\$2,500.00	12/29/2020	6/27/2021	"
New Canaan G	\$6,250.00	3/25/2021	5/25/2021	Bob D. will submit

6. Discussion on how towns handle election debates on access channels:

Jim led a discussion on experiences televising debates for the upcoming local elections. Darien, Easton, Redding & Stamford shared anecdotes. Equal time seemed to be a common concern. The League of Women Voters was praised for leading these debates and presenting rules which guided procedures related to the televising of the debates. Stamford requested viewership statistics from Esme on its debate coverage.

5. Other Matters

- Don related certain experiences with the remodeled Optimum Store in Norwalk.
- Bob M. announced that he is putting together a short Halloween video for the Redding channel and will share it with other towns. Go to <http://redding79.org/>. Others can contribute Halloween-themed content by emailing remoran@digcns.com.

Future meetings: 12/15/21, 2/2/22, 3/23/22, 5/25/22. All 5:00pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm