

TO: A9CC MEMBERS **October 27, 2022**
FROM: Hal Levy
RE: MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2022 MEETING VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE:

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

Excused: Natalie Carrignan (Westport); Mark Minnock (Norwalk); Craig Jones (Greenwich)

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

Hal announced that Stamford Representative Bob Lion has resigned from A9CC because he is moving. He was thanked for his service to the Council.

1. **Minutes** of the September 21 meeting was approved as written.
2. **Financial Report** was approved.
3. **Old Business:**
 - **GCVT** – Barbara reported that the proposal which would utilize the Greenwich Community Television Government Access Channel as part of an effort to promote Greenwich Town and businesses has been tabled.
 - **Getting CSH programming on the access channels** - Esme will report on ways of uploading the programming to the Altice headend for delivery to the channel(s) and program sharing will be emphasized in Ed Committee and A9CC Council meetings.
4. **Return of Weston Equipment** – Andy and Doug have completed the decommissioning of the Weston Ch 79 headend and have catalogued the equipment and transported it to Easton Town Hall. An email will be going out shortly to give an opportunity for Area 9 access channels to request the equipment items. There will be a hard deadline of 2 weeks from the date of the email to request equipment. Conflicts will be arbitrated by a panel appointed by Hal. Those awarded the equipment must pick it up at Easton Town Hall.
5. **2022 Round 2 grant program:** \$13,500 to E, \$30,600 to G; 9 grants of \$3,400 on the Government side; Breakdown of the Educational portion to be determined by the Ed Committee; A maximum of \$2,000 for each grant could be allocated to operations; The deadline for submitting grants from the towns & schools is 12/7/2022.

The following grant applications were considered:

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
Darien G	\$3,400.00	\$1,724.10	Approved
NCC E	\$9,941.37	0	Withdrawn, will resubmit by 12/7
Region 9 E	\$1,508.43	0	Approved
Easton G	\$1,400.00	0	Approved
Redding G	\$1,400.00	0	Approved

Delinquent Grant Reports

Town/School	Amount	Date Paid	Date Due	Notes/Status
Westport E	\$9,812.00	5/27/2022	7/26/2022	Will submit shortly

6. Access Channel Programming Problems and Solutions:

Bob Moran announced the availability of an excellent program about Covid done by Toni Boucher. It was decided to make this available to the access channels after the election, since Toni is running for State Senator and could present equal time issues.

Jim sent links from CT-N on candidate debates in our area but only received a couple of responses of interest. He emphasized that this type of programming is very apropos for the Government access channels.

7. Other Matters

- Esme noted that Optimum and Fox reached an agreement on carriage of Fox channels. Thankfully, this avoided a possible blackout of NFL and MLB World Series broadcasts for Optimum subscribers.
- Jim announced that Darien CH 79 is upgrading its Vimeo account for more storage and along with the upgrade is unlimited free streaming. He asked for input on other people's streaming experiences.

Future meetings: 12/14/2022, 2/1/2023, 3/22/2023, 5/31/2023 (All at 5PM on Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.