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Area 9 Cable Council, c/o Wilton Town Hall, 238 Danbury Rd., Wilton, CT 06897 www.a9cc.org

TO: A9CC MEMBERS
FROM: Carole Young-Kleinfeld, Secretary
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (November 28, 2012)

November 29, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

Darien:	David Dever
Greenwich:	Paul Curtis, Chris von Keyserling, Stu Reider
New Canaan:	Paul Sedlak
Norwalk:	Herbert Grant
Redding:	Robert Moran
Stamford:	Geza Ziegler
Weston:	Don Saltzman, Harvey Bellin
Westport:	Hal Levy, Stan Witkow, Judith Freedman
Wilton:	Gary Battaglia, Carole Young-Kleinfeld
Cablevision:	Jennifer Young

Excused: Andy Anderson, Doug Dempsey (Easton), Art Scialaba, Erin Halsey (Norwalk).

HL called the A9CC Meeting to order at 6.00 pm. 9 towns were represented.

1. **The minutes of October 17** were approved.
2. **The financial report from the Treasurer** was distributed, discussed and approved. Recent grants to Wilton Public Schools (E-Channel), Weston (G-Channel), and Redding (G-Channel) will be reflected in the next Treasurer's Report.
3. **Updates on old business:**
 - Transfer of U-Verse access funds: PURA has approved Cablevision and the A9CC's request that U-Verse access funds be administered by A9CC. These funds—having accumulated since 2007—will amount to approximately \$100,000 by the end of this year and will be distributed by Cablevision, along with the annual Cablevision grant funding of \$100,000, to the A9CC for inclusion in its grant program to support PEG access TV activities. PS requested clarification on rules for expenditures of these funds. HL stated that use of funds follow same rules as Cablevision access funding.
 - CV and Tribune have reached agreement on carriage of Tribune channels.

4. **Finalize 2012 Government Access Grants**

Last month's requests from Weston, Westport, Darien and Redding were granted as direct equipment supplied by Cablevision--Panasonic wall-mounted cameras, JVC recorders and 2 Sony Camcorders. Therefore, grant funds were not expended for these requests and were retained by the Council for use in a second round of 2012 access grants, for a total amount of \$27,000. PS moved (JF seconded) that the Council establish 9 grants of \$3000 each—with up to \$2000 allowed to be directed toward "operations" provided that each town's expense reporting for prior grants is up-to-date. Currently, Wilton is the only town that is delinquent in expense reporting for 2011 access grant and 2011 operations grant. The deadline for applying for this funding is 2/1/2013.

5. **Credit for Storm Sandy**

Cablevision is offering credit for loss of video services during Storm Sandy. Press releases have been sent out and customers should visit the Cablevision website or call Customer Service for assistance. This is a time-limited offering.

6. **Other Business**

- DD observed that News12 worked with AM radio stations on Long Island during the storm and recommended a partnership with CT radio stations during severe storms. HB suggested that towns work together to establish “low power radio stations” and suggested that towns pursue grants from Homeland Security for this purpose.
- PC inquired about timing for recent PEGPETIA grants from PURA. DD and PS received estimates of 3 months waiting time for action from PURA on grant requests.

7. **Next meeting:** February 6 in Wilton.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Young-Kleinfeld
Secretary