

# A.9.C.C.

Area 9 Cable Council, 6 Lazy Brook Ln, Westport, CT 06880

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**TO: A9CC MEMBERS** **December 13, 2019**  
**FROM: Hal Levy**  
**RE: MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11 2019 MEETING AT ALTICE NORWALK**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Darien: Jim Cameron  
Easton: Doug Dempsey, Andy Anderson  
Greenwich: Horst Tebbe, Barbara Heins  
New Canaan: Roman Cebulski  
Norwalk: Irene Dixon  
Redding: Robert Moran  
Stamford: Bob Lion  
Weston: Harvey Bellin  
Westport: Hal Levy, Judi Freedman  
Wilton:  
Region 9: Mike D'Agostino  
Altice: Esme Lombard  
Ed Committee: David Pisani (CSH), Peter Gould (NCC)  
Guests: Larry Manzi (Norwalk)

Excused: Dave Dever, Joan McGettigan (Darien); Craig Jones (Greenwich); Paul Sedlak (New Canaan); Mark Minnock (Norwalk); Paula Ward (Stamford); Don Saltzman (Weston); Stan Witkow, Nancy Carrignan (Westport); Jeffrey Boehme, Gary Battaglia, Fran Kompar (Wilton)

Chairman Hal Levy called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm with nine towns represented. The new Altice liaison, Esme Lombard was introduced and welcomed to the Council.

1. **Minutes** of the October 30 meeting was approved with changes.
2. **Financial Report** was distributed discussed and approved.
3. **Old Business:**
  - Member appointment is pending for Stamford Govt. awaiting response from Stamford Mayor. Voting privileges for the incumbent member will be revoked after December until reappointed. Bob will follow up with his Mayor.
  - Paul Sedlak has reported that the contact for access channel transmission problems at the headend is Joe Paczek 203-509-4018 Joseph.Paczek@AlticeUSA.com
  - A9CC.org station links are now up to date except Wilton (<http://www.wiltonct.org/tv/>), which does not work.
  - Jim thanked members for their input on what access stations are paying for camera operators.
4. **2019 Round 2 grant applications:** The following applications were considered:

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
Redding G	\$2,800.00		Approved
Westport G	\$5,300.00		Approved
Darien G	\$2,710.00		Approved
Weston G	\$5,300.00	\$1,145.00	<sup>1</sup> Approved with conditions
Norwalk G	\$5,300.00	\$1,795.53	Approved
CSH E	\$7,551.92		<sup>2</sup> Approved
Greenwich E	-\$ 7,501.48		Previous approved grant was rescinded
New Canaan E	\$3,071.24		Redistribute Greenwich grant
Region 9 E	\$4,427.10		<sup>3</sup> Redistribute Greenwich grant, modify Rd 2 grant

<sup>1</sup>Approved on condition that Weston submits copy of alternative vendor bid

<sup>2</sup>CSH will share program content with New Canaan E and Greenwich G

<sup>3</sup>R9 updated its prior approved \$7,493.64 grant with additional \$4,427.10 in funding

Applicants were asked to submit grant vouchers before the end of the year. Applicants were again asked to download latest forms instead of using outdated ones.

5. **Finalize 2019 grant program:** There is approximately a \$25K balance in the grants account after disbursement of the approved grants. Education has spent all its available grant funds. Government is \$16K under. It was moved and approved that eight \$2K G op grants be made available to eligible towns on a 1st come, 1st served basis. Applications along with vouchers must be submitted by 12/27.
6. **Review of delinquent grant reports:** As per the grant procedures, grant reports must be submitted by the first meeting following 60 days after a grant has been paid, otherwise the grant funds must be reimbursed to A9CC unless the Council approves an extension.

Town/School	Amount	Date Paid	Date Due	Notes/Status
Norwalk E	\$5,249.80	4/9/2018	6/9/2018	Reimbursement to be requested
NCC E	\$10,032.59	9/18/2017	11/18/2017	Extension granted to next meeting
Greenwich G	\$2,870.00	12/21/2018	2/21/2019	Extension granted to next meeting
Stamford G	\$6,200.00	12/7/2018	2/7/2019	Extension granted to next meeting

#### 7. Other Matters

- Funding for A9CC PO Box at \$118/yr was approved.
- Website storage is at 80% of capacity. An increase from current \$8/mo to an \$11/mo plan, which includes unlimited storage was approved.
- 2019 I-net reports are due 1/31/20. Hal will send email requesting submission of 2019 I-net reports to Altice and A9CC.
- The 2019 A9CC Annual Report will be filed with PURA by 1/30/20
- Invoices will be sent to Altice for \$2,000 in council funding, \$100,000 in access funding, \$25,000 in supplemental access funding and 2/3 pass through of U-verse access funding.
- It was noted that if grant-funded access equipment is disposed of in any manner, a disposition form <http://a9cc.org/Area%209%20Cable%20Council%20Access%20Equipment%20Disposition%20Form.pdf> must be submitted.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm