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Area 9 Cable Council

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TO: A9CC MEMBERS **December 11, 2025**
FROM: Hal Levy
RE: MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2025 MEETING VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: Jim Cameron, Mike Wheeler, Carrie Wysocki, Tim McGuire
Easton: Doug Dempsey
Greenwich: ~~Craig Jones, Horst Tobbe, Don Conway, Ken Borsuk~~, Sean Mayo
New Canaan: ~~Paul Sedlak, Bob Doran~~, Roman Cebulski
Norwalk: Irene Dixon, Mark Minnock, ~~John Frede~~
Redding: Bob Moran
Stamford: Eric Morson, ~~Ryan Feeley~~
Weston:
Westport: Hal Levy, Stan Witkow, ~~Natalie Carrignan~~
Wilton: Maria Breece
Region 9: Mike D'Agostino
Altice: ~~Chris Bresnan~~
Ed Committee: Davis Pisani (CSH)
Guests: Alberto Vargas (Westport), Joyce Liu (Norwalk)
Excused: Natalie Carrignan (Westport),

Hal called the meeting to order at 5:02pm with nine towns represented.

Announcements:

Jeffrey Boehme from Wilton has resigned from A9CC.

1. **Minutes** of the October 22 meeting was approved as written.
2. **Financial Report** was approved.
3. **Old Business:**
 - **A9CC Members not yet reappointed:** Paul Sedlak (New Canaan); Eric Morson. Please ask your appointing authority to send in your appointment letter. Incumbent members who have not been reappointed by the end of December will be removed from the Council rolls.

4. Nutmeg TV petition to takeover Community Access Operations in Area 9

Docket [25-09-07](#) Nutmeg TV petitioned to replace Altice as CAP in A9 along with similar petitions in other CT franchise areas. This would replace our town-specific PEG model with a centralized model. At the A9CC September meeting, the Council voted to oppose this takeover of PEG in Area 9.

Chris Bresnan met with Joanie Wedler of Nutmeg last month where certain issues were discussed. He reported that Nutmeg is confident that they would prevail and affirmed its belief that the regional PEG model is superior to town-specific. Regarding cable subscriber fees, she stated that it was not their intention to have these increase but did not offer a valid explanation on why they would not. In fact, currently PEG fees for Area 9 subscribers is \$6.66 (the lowest in CT) and \$11.65 in Nutmeg areas (one of the highest in CT. In Nutmeg's petition, it claims that Altice supported its position in Docket 22-06-26, which Altice claims is a misrepresentation of its point that there is no incentive for 3rd party CAPS to keep costs down.

So far there is no calendar for this docket but A9CC members were again asked to begin identifying community resources to oppose the takeover. A9CC is hopeful that Altice will join us in opposition to the Nutmeg takeover of PEG from Altice.

5. 2025 Round 2 grant program:

\$43,000 to Edu, \$28,366 to Gov; Breakdown of the Educational portion to be determined by the Ed Committee; 7 grants of \$4,052 on the Government side; A maximum of \$2,500 for each grant can be allocated to operations; The deadline for submitting grants from the towns & schools was 12/5/2025

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
Greenwich E	\$5,730.14	0	Approved
New Canaan E	\$6,013.95	\$1,000.00	Approved
Darien G	\$4,052.00	\$1,352.00	Approved
Wilton E	\$5,729.99	0	Approved
Region 9 E	\$1,264.84	0	Approved
CSH E	\$5,598.00	0	Approved
Norwalk G	\$3,925.00	0	Approved

Delinquent Grant Reports:

Town/School	Amount	Date Paid	Date Due	Notes/Status
New Canaan G	\$3,000.00	9/24/2024	3/22/2025	Hal will email
New Canaan G	\$2,500.00	12/16/2024	6/14/2025	"
New Canaan G	\$7,099.00	8/1/2025	9/30/2025	"
Wilton E	\$8,100.00	9/2/2025	11/1/2025	Equip portion submitted
Redding G	\$3,000.00	5/27/2025	11/23/2025	Will (re)send

This concludes Round 2 of the 2025 grant program

6. 2025 Round 3 grant program

	ED	GOV
Round 2 Allocated	\$43,000	\$28,366
Round 2 Taken	\$42,972	\$20,133
Pending payments	0	\$2,718
Available	\$28	\$5,482

4 Government operation grants of \$1,360 each were created. These will be awarded on a 1st come, 1st served basis. The deadline for submitting applications with vouchers is 12/26/2025. At the time of the writing of these minutes, 1 application have thus far been submitted.

7. Access Channel Programming Problems and Solutions – Jim reminded everyone that if access production equipment is disposed of that a [Access Equipment Disposition Form \(fillable PDF\)](#) needs to be submitted. Please let others know that you no longer need a piece of equipment, as another town/school may have need for it.

Jim also discussed a survey seeking feedback from DarienTV viewers. Read about it here: <https://patch.com/connecticut/darien/darientv-seeks-feedback-viewers>

8. Other Matters:

- 2025 I-Net or Program logs due by 2/1/2026 (not to Altice). Hal will send email
- Hal will file 2025 A9CC Annual Report by 1/31/2026
- Hal will send invoices in early January to Altice for \$2K CAC funding, \$100K + \$25K 2026 E&G funding & Frontier E&G passthrough

Future Meetings: 1/28/2026, 3/18/2026, 5/27/2026 (All at 5PM on Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:53pm.