



CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2019, Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road, Route 117,
Groton, CT 06340

IN ATTENDANCE: Bruce Edwards, Shawn Greeley, Rita Schmidt, Paul Lindblad, Jim Loughlin and Neil Kluepfel.
ABSENT: John Prue and Bill Johnson
COMCAST REPRESENTATIVES: Matt Skane
THAMES VALLEY COMMUNICATION REPRESENTATIVE: Rex Buettgenbach
SEC-TV REPRESENTATIVE: Frank Fulchiero & Frank Facchini

I. Recognition of members of the public for public comments: None

II. Reports

- Secretary's Report: Minutes from the 7/11/19 meeting were entered. Kluepfel moved to accept the minutes. Loughlin seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report:
The current statement reflects the activity on Council's checking account for the months of June-August 2019.

<i>Beginning balance 6/26/19</i>	\$ 36,605.86
CREDITS	
EXPENSES	
7/11/19 – Check 830 – Valerie Koschmieder (minutes)	(100.00)
7/24 & 8/23 – Monthly bank service charge	(6.00)
<i>Current checking account balance</i>	\$ 36,499.86

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- Comcast Report: Skane reported on X1 Voice Remote Voting capability for the E! People's Choice Awards, taking place on 11/10/19. Also reported on Internet Essential Expansion and a new Xfinity X1 Eye Control Product. (see attached for full details). Edward passed on a customer letter that the council received to Skane.
- TVC Report: Buettgenbach reported on Disney Channel changes, the NFL Red Zone, the completion of the Digital Repak and a new phone add on called NOMOROBO. Channel migrations and community involvement was also covered. (see attached for full details)
- SEC-TV Report: Facchini reported on the 33 programs currently being produced (see attached for full details). Edwards reported on SEC-TV Channel 96 schedule was showing some old dates listed. Fulchiero will fix this.

III. Old Business

- Increase/Review CTACSC Membership: Edwards reported that he did reach out to Voluntown. Greeley reported that he has contacted the Groton Superintendent's office regarding Groton School's vacancy. He was assured that they will try to fill the vacancy within the next couple of months. Other Council members are still working on recruitment.

2. Future Grant Program: Greeley handed out excerpts from 2011 & 2013 CTACSC minutes regarding the last time the grant program was offered so the council could see what had been done in the past. There was a lengthy discussion regarding offering a similar (2013) grant program or distributing the funds to the current PEG facilities (SEC-TV, GPS 19, GMTV). There was also some discussion about possible requirements, eligibility and allowed grant purchases. A motion was made by Schmidt to table this topic until the next meeting. Seconded by Lindblad. All were in favor. Edwards asked that everyone to try and formulate a plan to move forward by the next meeting.
3. CTACSC Information Program: Due to an already long meeting Edwards asked the council members to give some thought as to what type of information the council would like to include in a program. Greeley will send out a link to council members so they can view the previous programs the CTACSC produced.

IV. New Business

Forming Committees: Edwards asked councilor members to come with ideas on specific committees and what they would like to do for next meeting.

V. Communications

Loughlin, asked about Frontier attending the council meetings. Skane stated that Frontier is not required to attend CTACSC meetings because they have a state-wide license. Instead Frontier attends the state-wide advisory council that includes representatives from all advisory councils around the state. Council members would still appreciate and encourage Frontier's participation at CTACSC meetings.

VI. Adjournment – Kluepfel motioned, Greeley seconded. Adjourn meeting at 7:12 p.m. Next meeting is November 14, 2019 at 5:30pm at the Groton Public Library.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shawn Greeley
Secretary, CTACSC



**CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SOUTHEASTERN CT MEETING
COMCAST REPORT - SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

- **Use X1 to Vote for the E! People's Choice Awards**
 - Beginning September 4, 2019, X1 customers can once again use their Voice Remote to vote for the E! People's Choice Awards that will take place on November 10, 2019.
 - Customers can simply say "Vote for the People's Choice Awards" into their Voice Remote to launch an On-Demand destination and vote for four award categories: Movie of 2019, Song of 2019, Show of 2019 and Comedy Act of 2019. The destination also provides quick access to the nominated movies, songs, shows and acts to help customers get caught up before voting.

- **Internet Essentials Expansion Announcement:**
 - During August Comcast announced its 12th and largest expansion of its Internet Essentials Program to reach all Low-Income Americans.
 - The program is now available to (1) households with school-age children eligible for the National School Lunch Program, (2) all households living in HUD-assisted housing (including Public Housing, Housing Choice Vouchers, or Multifamily), (3) low-income veterans, and (4) all qualified low-income households.
 - To be eligible to apply to the program, low-income applicants simply need to show they are participating in one of more than a dozen different government assistance programs. These include Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). A full list of these programs can be found at www.internetessentials.com.

- **New Xfinity X1 Eye Control Product:**
 - Xfinity X1 eye control is available via our web-based remote app for tablets and computers that allows customers with physical disabilities, like spinal cord injuries or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), to navigate their television using only their eyes. Customers can use their eye tracking device to navigate the remote layout and control their X1 TV Box after the app has been paired with the TV they want to control.
 - Each time the customer gazes at a button on the web-based remote, it will send the corresponding command to the TV. With X1 eye control, customers can change the channel, launch the guide, search for content, set a recording and more, all without assistance. Customers can find and pair the web-based remote at: xfin.tv/access
 - Link to Article with more details: <https://corporate.comcast.com/press/releases/comcast-launches-eye-control-for-television>



Advisory Council Meeting
Sept 12, 2019

- Received notice from The Disney Channel that they will shut down their DISNEY FAMILY MOVIES SVOD Channel (premium pay channel) on October 31, 2019. TVC's customers will be advise. Appears this is being done by Disney in anticipation of the launch of their new OTT Streaming service called Disney + in November.
- TVC successfully transitioned all our equipment to allow reception of all our over the air broadcasters on 8/2/2019, due to the FCC "Digital Repak" of broadcast TV channels. FCC asked certain off-air TV stations to move their channel frequencies, and in some cases their broadcast locations. Networks effected with this repak include WVIT, WCCT, WTNH, WTIC, WFSB, WCTX and WHPX. Most were frequency changes, but WHPX (ION) moved its transmission location from Montville to Hartford. WTIC had a few issues after the move as they had to repeak their transmission levels on 8/2/2019.
- TVC launched NFL RED ZONE HD on 9/8/2018. TVC has carried this premium service channel in Standard Def and now will be available to customers in High Def this season as well.
- TVC launched our NOMOROBO call service on 8/1/2019. This service allows TVC's VOIP telephone service customers to stop robo calls. Customers have been quick to add the service to stop those annoying robo calls.
- TVC finished up our 6th year of sponsoring both the Town of Groton's Ester Point and the City of Groton's Washington Park concert series in 2019. This year's events are well attended by not just locals but for people far and wide.
- TVC is a proud sponsor of this year's Groton's Fall Fest on 10/5/2019, this community wide event has over 100 local vendors setting up in Poquonnock Plains Park.
- Working with NESN and SNY to migrate their service from satellite delivered to secure IP (internet) distribution. Both should move off their satellite service in November.
- Completed preparation for The Discovery Networks' migration (HGTV, FOOD, Travel Chl, Cooking TV, DIY and GAC) from AMC 14 to SES 1 in November. These migrations forced us to realign satellite dishes and set up new receivers to continue these services.



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Located in the Groton Shopping Plaza near the Groton Post Office.
Community Access Provider Update September 12, 2019

SEC-TV LOCALLY PRODUCED PROGRAMS IN PRODUCTION AT THE STUDIO AND/OR ON LOCATION:

Exploration of Fine Arts and Architecture - Museum Tours by Dr. Michael Sullo -Local museums and exhibits are discussed.

Painting Lessons by Dr. Michael Sullo - Painting techniques are demonstrated in detail.

Art Lectures by Dr. Michael Sullo - Series of Lectures on European and American Art

Better Boating in CT - Boating Safety and Information- DEEP hosted by Jerry Desmond

Books and Beyond - New show with Jim Bennett, replacing long running Books and Things (113 shows in our new studio, many in the old studio), whose host, Tom Santos, passed away. Interviews with local authors and interesting guests.

Potluck Politics - Peter Roper discusses local and statewide issues with guests.

Community Culture Showcase - Harriet Grayson focuses on artists, history, events.

Health Buzz - Marlisa McLaughlin and Patrick Moore discuss natural health.

Mystic Matters - The Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce discusses local events and places of interest with residents.

Community Buzz - Peter Roper interviews residents in the studio and on location and discusses issues affecting our towns.

The Lisa Saunders Show - Focus on local history, people, and events

Missionary Church of Groton - New show with Pastor Darryl Spencer, to replace Missionary COGIC whose host, Pastor George Rucker, passed away - Religious Service.

Tim and Lew Dog - Dave Lewis and Tim Pelland discuss sports and local events.

Mystic News - Field shoots of local topics of interest, produced by Chris Annino

Town of Ledyard Town Council, Board of Education, and Special Meetings

Prophecy for the Last Hour - Reggie King and Demian DeVega - Religious Service

Reality of the Word - Johnny Burns - Religious Service

Praying on the Rock - English-Spanish bi-lingual Religious Service

New England Medical Cannabis Seminar and Support - Dr. Stefana Pecher-The Country Doc, explains the use of Medical Cannabis, and holds a monthly televised informational group meeting. This includes cooking with CBD demonstrations.

Our Community Your Voice - Timely topics of local interest, hosted and produced by Susette Tibus

Shake Up Groton - Hosted and Produced by Gretchen Chipperini, covering topics of interest in town government and issues.

Nibbling Around Town - Cooking show hosted by Mark Whalen featuring cooking demonstrations, by himself and local chefs.

Wellness Care Specials - Programs of health care, holistic medicine, and inspiration for healing. Field shoots by Marlisa McLaughlin and Stephanie Kern edited here.

The Kyoshi Herbie Bagwell TV Show! - Martial Arts show presented by Kyoshi Herbie Bagwell.

The Alexa Show - Alexa Servodidio, Licensed Psychotherapist, interviews experts on mental health issues.

Lovie on the Loose - In production, by Lovie Kern on Farmer's Markets and Local Farms.

The La Grua Center - Recorded on location - Interesting variety of talks of public interest.

Blues History - In preproduction. Featuring interesting events and people in Blues Music hosted by Bob "Doc" Bell.

Neighborhood News - New show featuring the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center hosted by Susan Sedensky, Executive Director

Real Estate Show (To be titled) - In preproduction Realtor will interview Attorneys, Home Inspectors, Roofers, Pest Control Experts, Bankers, etc. to educate the public on selling and buying a home

Town of Stonington Planning and Zoning Commission - Town of Stonington Planning and Zoning Meetings Once a month regular meeting, second special meeting each month.

Town of Stonington Board of Education - Once a month regular meeting, sometimes additional special meetings

North Stonington Beat - In preproduction, monthly field shoot featuring a different North Stonington based non-profit each month.