

Connecticut State-wide Video Advisory Council

October 25th, 2023

Café Fiore, Cromwell

Minutes

In Attendance: Alan Budkofsky, Stephen Fuest, Marco Iacoviello, Stuart Strelzer, Stephen Simonin (Zoom), Elaine Burchart (Zoom), Greg Davis (Zoom)

Members Absent: Merja Lehtinen, Peaches Quinn, Wayne Church

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 pm by Treasurer Alan Budkofsky.

2. Minutes approved, motion by Marco seconded by Stuart. Motion Passed, 1 Abstention- Steve

3. Treasurer Alan reported \$10,000 in Treasury Bond and \$42,054.18 in Bank America.

Alans made a recommendation that we migrate some of the funds in CD's in 5K increments. Discussion ensued. It was decided 6 month Cd's are best to be flexible. Steve made a motion that we take 5K increments and put into 6 month Cd every few months up to ½ of the total in Bank of America. Stuart seconded. Motion Passed unanimously.

3. New Business. None

4. Old Business:

Discussion Ensued about the future of the CSVAC and PURAS Decision to keep the advisory councils or disband them. The council needs to impress upon PURA about how important this council is for helping with consumer complaints and getting resolutions.

Discussion continued about cord cutters and providers getting away from POTs TV and older technology for streaming This is causing less funding to the PEGS as PEGs are funded by cable tv subscriber numbers. Waiting for conclusions/outcomes of PURA PEG inventory/questionnaire done last fall. Stephen S gave an update on the next steps what is happening with the funding and the PURA questionnaire. Back and forth conversation ensued.

Stephen S discussed how the providers are running fiber into homes with this new technology. He discussed the ability of the providers to configure end user equipment. Privacy Issues were discussed given the current world situations.

Discussion ensued about providers having the ability to have a "data dragnet" and this is a big concern for subscribers and privacy.

Alan asked if the town had the right to ask public access channels not to broadcast certain meetings. Discussion ensued.

5. Providers reports. None received. – No providers Present

6. Committee Reports: None

7. Authorized Actions: None

8. Public Comments: None

9. Next meeting is December 13th, 2023. This meeting will be a Zoom only meeting to accommodate for the Holidays.

10. Motion to adjourn by Steve, Second by Alan. Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

Stephen. F Fuest