

Statewide Video Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2016

The Statewide Video Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chair Merja Lethinen.

As the agenda wasn't printed out she read it off her cell phone.

Provider Reports:

Jennifer Young spoke about Altice taking over Cablevision and gave some background about the company. The company has many new ideas from Europe and as it is so new we will get more information in the near future. Mike Mainz asked if Cablevision will be changing their name and Jennifer said possibly in the future but not at the moment.

Michael Cicchetti said that there isn't much to speak of at the moment. Mention that there are a few issues with Verizon and the billing issues have settled down. The Frontier Representatives left the meeting after their report.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept Steven Fuest and seconded by Mike Mainz. Accepted unanimously.

Secretary Report:

Alex Fraser was absent. Minutes were submitted by the Recording Secretary.

Chairwoman Merja Lehtinen told the membership that they can ask the Recording Secretary for support work, but to go through her as Chair in order to keep it to a minimum and any larger assignments would require board pre-approval for expenditures.

Mike Mainz requested to remove Thames Valley Communications as a potential member s they are not statewide in actual terms – with this adjustment, Russ Gomes made a motion to accept the minutes and Mike Mainz seconded the motion. James Kelly abstained. Minutes passed.

Old Business:

Douglas Poger is working on finding the information for the donation (\$250.00) to the Wolcott Public Library in memory of Raymond Widziewicz.

No alcohol at meetings – includes prior to the meeting on site. After adjournment, members on their own according to their own town policies, but SVAC does not condone any drinking before or during its meetings.

Legislative Committee:

Russ Gomes had no updates at this time. He thanked Lori Weinstein and Merja Lethinen for sending out the information he had requested to be done.

Technical Committee:

Steve Simonin sent in a report saying he wants to have contact to Cablevision on sound issues. There are some issues still with Frontier. He is planning to meet with Senator Blumenthal.

Membership Report:

Mike Meinz said there are four districts where people have missed and not sure what to do. Merja suggested that he send out a letter to each asking if they wish to continue to be on the council and if not to have someone else from their local area take their place.

Citizens Comments:

None

Meeting adjourned by chair at 7:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori B. Weinstein

SVAC – Recording Secretary