

Connecticut State-wide Video Advisory Council

April 27, 2022 - Regular Meeting
Café Fiore, 134 Berlin Rd, Cromwell, CT

Minutes

The Statewide Video Advisory Council meeting was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 and called to order at 7:00PM by Chair Merja Lehtinen.

In attendance were the following members: Merja Lehtinen, Michael Meinz (WebEx), Stephen Simonin (WebEx), Stephen Fuest, Philip Markuszka (WebEx), Alan Budkofsky, Gregory Davis, Peaches Quinn (WebEx), Susan Moore (WebEx)

Members Absent: Elaine Buchardt, Marco Iacoviello, Stuart Strelzer, Alex Fraser, Wayne Church

Providers: Esme Lombard (Altice, WebEx), Brad Palazzo (Comcast, WebEx)

The minutes from the February 23, 2022 meeting were approved. Motion made by Alan Budofsky and seconded by Gregory Davis. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

Treasurers Report:

- Alan Budkofsky gave the treasury report. The current balance is \$49,223.51.

Provider Reports:

- Comcast is launching a streaming service as a joint-venture with Charter.
- Altice is opening a couple of retail stores

Old Business: None

New Business

- Gregory Davis spoke of how U.S. Treasury IBONDS were used by other organizations to earn interest on their treasury funds. Chair Merja Lehtinen appointed a committee consisting of Treasurer Alan Budofsky, Gregory Davis and Steven Fuest to research U.S. Treasury IBONDS as an investment for SVAC funds.

Committee Reports:

Technology:

- Stephen Simonin reported that his town is going out for bid to put public WiFi on the outside of schools, firehouses, other town buildings and community fields. Doing so will provide Internet connections for the public during disasters as well as other times.

Legal:

- Gregory Davis reported that the Energy and Technology Committee passed SB278 and it is currently in the Senate. If the Senate approves the bill, it will go to the House soon. Gregory encouraged SVAC members to contact their representaives.

Membership:

- Michael Mainz reported that he had any further responses from those advisory councils that he contacted in February.
- He welcomed new member Susan Moore from the Cox/Meriden (Meriden, Cheshire, Southington) Cable TV Advisory Council area.
- He said that he would be resigning from SVAC as of May 27 so that there was time for him to train the member that will be assuming his SVAC tasks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Mainz
Vice-Chair