

Connecticut State-wide Video Advisory Council

August 25, 2021 - Regular Meeting

Via WebEx

Minutes

The Statewide Video Advisory Council meeting was held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 and called to order at 8:06PM by Chair Merja Lehtinen.

In attendance were the following members: Merja Lehtinen, Michael Meinz, Elaine Buchardt, Stephen Simonin, Stephen Fuest, Philip Markuszka, Alan Budkofsky, Marco Iacoviello, Gregory Davis

Members Absent: Peaches Quinn, Alex Fraser, Russell Gomes, Wayne Church

Providers: Esme Lombard (Altice). Brad Palazzo(Comcast)

The minutes from the April 22, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion made by Stephen Fuest and seconded by Elaine Buchardt. Motion passed with two abstentions.

Treasurers Report:

- Alan Budkofsky gave the treasury report. The current balance is \$43,223.51.

Chairwoman's Report / Correspondence:

- Since the last meeting, a complaint letter was received from an Altice customer about overbilling related to seasonal service.

Provider Reports:

- Comcast is closing the Old Lyme Community Access studio and moving the staff to the Norwich studio. The Norwich studio is a better facility. The Old Lyme studio was underutilized. The Norwich studio offers better facilities.
- Altice has rebranded the mobile offering to Optimum Mobile. Altice continues to participate in federal and state programs for those that need assistance paying for Internet service.

Committee Reports:

Technology:

- Stephen Simonin continues to work on the lightning strikes on cable issue first raised at the June, 2021 meeting. He has been in contact with Senator Blumenthal's office and the Litchfield building inspector. A letter has been written to the Attorney General. Stephen has identified a flaw in the National Electric Code and verified the issue with several knowledgeable colleagues.

Legal:

- None

Membership:

- None

Old Business:

- Chairwoman Merja Lehtinen proposed that the October meeting be held online in consideration of continuing COVID infections.
- Elaine Buchardt reported that she is still working on wording for cable company bills. She sent a draft to Advisory Council members

New Business:

- None

Motion to adjourn by Alan Budofsky.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Meinz
Vice-Chair