

Connecticut State-wide Video Advisory Council

February 28, 2018 - Regular Meeting
Baci Grill, 134 Berlin Rd, Cromwell, CT

Minutes

The Statewide Video Advisory Council meeting was held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 and called to order at 7:00PM by Chair Merja Lehtinen.

In attendance were the following members: Tad Weinstein, Michael Meinz, Merja Lehtinen, Stephen Fuest, Alan Budkovsky, Russ Gomes, Marco Iacoviello, Wayne Church, Alex Fraser, and Gregory Davis.

The following members were not present: Paul Tontini, Stephen Simonin, Douglas Poger, and Stuart Strelzer.

Providers in attendance: Michael Cicchetti from Frontier: Brad Palazzo and Matt Skane from Comcast

Public in attendance: Stephen Mindera

As Brad Palazzo and Matt Skane from Comcast joined us this evening we all introduced ourselves.

Minutes:

Alan Budkovsky made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Marco Iacoviello. Wayne Church and Gregory Davis abstained as not present at the December meeting and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Tad Weinstein gave the report. Mike Meinz made a motion to accept the report seconded by Alan Budkovsky. Treasurer's report was approved unanimously. Tad Weinstein asked for approval to purchase a new battery for the laptop and Steve Fuest made a motion to for him to purchase the battery and seconded by Marco Iacoviello.

Provider Reports:

Michael Cicchetti from Frontier spoke about how the channel transition took place on February 14th and said that the channel 99 would stay up for 90 days. Tad Weinstein told him how he does not yet get the new channel lineup in West Haven and Mike requested he send an e-mail and he would check this out. He answered various questions as well. Matt Skane and Brad Palazzo from Comcast came to view and answered questions from the council members.

Old Business:

Merja Lethinen asked Tad Weinstein and Wayne Church to do a review of the By-Laws as it is approaching time for new elections. Discussion of term being 2 years making elections to be 2019.

Committee Reports:

Legislative Report:

Russ Gomes spoke about asking his state representative about senior discounts from providers and Comcast is moving away from that and there is a low-income discount. Net neutrality public hearing is coming up next week and he will let everyone know the date and is planning to be there.

Membership Report:

Michael Meinz sent out letters to nine areas and only heard back from two. He is working with Phil Markuszka to see if he can be a representative for Glastonbury where he now resides. Mike said that he had been reviewing annual reports to get current advisory council chairman names and found only six reports so far.

Merja Lethinen thanked both Tad and Lori Weinstein for the good job putting together the Annual Report and sending it out on-time.

Technical Report – Steve Simonin was not in attendance so nothing was reported.

New Business: None

Public Comments: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori B. Weinstein
SVAC – Recording Secretary