

Connecticut State-wide Video Advisory Council

February 23, 2022 - Regular Meeting

Via WebEx

Minutes

The Statewide Video Advisory Council meeting was held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 and called to order at 8:00PM by Chair Merja Lehtinen.

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

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

Providers: None

The minutes from the December 8, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion made by Stephen Fuest and seconded by Alan Budkofsky. Motion passed unanimously with two abstentions.

Treasurers Report:

- Alan Budkofsky gave the treasury report. Annual stipend has been received from Altice, Comcast and Frontier. The current balance is \$49,223.51.

Provider Reports:

None

Old Business: None

New Business

- Gregory Davis suggested looking into income producing bonds for part of SVAC treasury. Greg will consult with Alan Budkofsky and report back at the April meeting.

Committee Reports:

Technology:

- Stephen Simonin reported that Optimum completed an engineering study and will be installing two fiber cabinets in each town within his region. They will be building out fiber to the home as an offering.
- Stephen Simonin reported that Northfield has funding to begin the initial work on providing public Wi-Fi outside of public buildings in Northfield.

Legal:

- Gregory Davis reported that the legislature's Energy and Technology Committee has raised a bill concerning the PEG funding issues. He is awaiting more information on the bill.
- A motion to delegate authority to the Legal Committee (Gregory Davis and Philip Markuszka) to take appropriate actions to support said bill on behalf of the SVAC was made by Michael Meinz and seconded by Gregory Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership:

- Response from the Old Lyme regional advisory council that they only have only two members. They are trying to rebuild and will seek to appoint someone when they have reorganized their advisory council.
- Sent an email message to the chair of eight regional advisory councils without an SVAC member:
 - Groton
 - Charter/Northeastern
 - Comcast/Plainville
 - Cox/Meriden
 - Comcast/Waterbury
 - Comcast/Lakeville
 - Comcast/Danbury
 - Comcast/Seymour
- Received a response only from the Groton area chair saying she would bring it up at their February meeting and would attend our February meeting.
- Updated member list with new chairs for Cox/Meriden and Comcast/Danbury advisory councils.

Motion to hold April 27 meeting at Café Fiore in Cromwell made by Stephen Fuest and seconded by Merja Lehtinen.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Mainz.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Mainz
Vice-Chair