

Statewide Video Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2016

The Statewide Video Advisory Council meeting was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 and called to order at 6:50 PM by Chair Merja Lehtinen.

Members present: Tad Weinstein, Michael Mainz, Merja Lehtinen, Marco Iacoviello, Douglas Poger, Gregory Davis, Stephen Simonin, Russell Gomes, Phil Markuszka, Alex Fraser and Wayne Church. Members Absent: Stephen Fuest, James Kelley and Paul Tontini. Public in Attendance: Stephen Mindera, Jr., from Eng Sky Cable XX111

1. Minutes Approval: Mike Mainz made a motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting, with the addition of Members not in attendance – listed as Wayne Church, James Kelley and Paul Tontini. Wayne Church abstained as he was not at the prior meeting. The minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Tad Weinstein reported that the year was not complete due to expenses for the dinner meeting of December 2016, and payment for the recording secretary, needed to be added, but to figure approximately \$700 for yet unreported expenses in 2016. A motion was made to accept what is seen on the Treasurer's Report spread sheet by Stephen Simonin and seconded by Russ Gomes. Wayne Church questioned the additional changes and was told that any adjustments would be sent to the Executive Board for approval.

3. Annual Report:

This will be sent out by Tad Weinstein. The minutes from the entire year will be included and Chairwoman Merja Lehtinen and Vice Chairman Mike Mainz want Lori Weinstein to put together the printed list of goals from the prior meeting and send it to all the members to review for inclusion in the Annual report. The goals were read and Douglas Poger wanted to add that synergize between cable and internet. Mike Mainz wants add "to audit compliance to state statute 16-331H."

4. Technical Report:

Stephen Simonin and Russ Gomes handed out a power point presentation that was given to US Senator Blumenthal to share with his team. Russ Gomes asked for someone to sit in on these meetings to represent the council. Suggested was to restructure cable charges as electric industry was restructured, with Eversource as the example. This would allow residents to pick and choose the supplier. Discussion followed on de-bundling the packages. There was discussion on how to move ahead and possibly arrange informational and public meetings in different areas. The Technology Committee who will work with Committee chair Steve Simonin and

Legislative Chair Russ Gomes now includes Phil Markuszka and Wayne Church as members.

5. New Business:

Dates for the new year meetings are as follows: February 22: April 26: June 28: August 23: October 25 and December 13.

Merja Lehtinen thanked Mike Meinz for his work on membership. Stephen Simonin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori B. Weinstein
SVAC – Recording Secretary