

Connecticut State-wide Video Advisory Council

June 23, 2021 - Regular Meeting

Via WebEx

Minutes

The Statewide Video Advisory Council meeting was held on Wednesday, June 23, 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

Members Absent: Alan Budkofsky, Marco Iacoviello, Peaches Quinn, Alex Fraser, Gregory Davis, Russell Gomes, Wayne Church

Providers: None

The minutes from the April 22, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion made by Stephen Fuest and seconded by Philip Markuszka. Motion passed with no abstentions.

Treasurers Report:

- Michael Meinz gave the treasury report. The current balance is \$43,223.51.

Chairwoman's Report / Correspondence:

- Comcast and Frontier customers reporting that some TVs display that a channel is not subscribed and other TVs in the same home, say that a channel is subscribed.
- Elaine Buchardt reported that the notice on cable bills does not accurately state who to call for what types of issues. Chair Merja Lehtinen appointed Elaine to draft appropriate language that SVAC would submit to the cable companies.
- Elaine Buchardt initiated a discussion on future funding of Community Access. As P.E.G. fees are reduced, grants and fund raising aren't enough to cover expenses.

Provider Reports:

- None

Committee Reports:

Technology:

- FCC removed the Proof of Performance testing for all NTSC Video transport. No cable system is testing any longer.
- Lightning strikes on cable. Ground is connected at each home directly to the outer shield wire on cable wires. Lightning goes from the ground to air. The direct path is the shield on Cable wire. The inner insulator is low voltage insulation and the plasma melts it direct to the inner cable to Set top boxes, TV and internal shielding. Stephen Simonin's home was hit this way. It took out all set top boxes, and TVs including my hot water heater. TV was on fire shortly. High Gate condominiums in Watertown was hit and took out many homes the same way last month

Legal:

- No Report

Membership:

- Reservations at Café Fiore Cromwell (Baci Grill building) have been made for the August 25th and subsequent meetings.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Motion to adjourn by Stephen Fuest

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Mainz
Vice-Chair