

**CHESHIRE, MERIDEN, SOUTHTON CABLE ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2014
COX COMMUNICATIONS IN CHESHIRE**

Members Present: Rosalie Fountain, Barbara Haeffner, Andy Jay, and Dave Cooley

Members Absent: Beth Hosmer, Mike Solimine, Karen Kritz, Adam Grippo, Henry Chase and David Voris

Cox Cable: Peter Talbot

Others Present: Kathy Doherty, Recording Secretary

Chairman Rosalie Fountain called the meeting to order at 6:49 P.M. and read the charge of the Council.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – ADAM GRIPPO

Kathy Doherty called the roll.

MOTION: To approve the November 19, 2013 minutes as presented.

Moved by Andy Jay, seconded by Dave Cooley, motion was passed unanimously by the Council members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT – MIKE SOLIMINE

Mike was unable to attend the meeting but he had let Rosalie know that the balance in the account is \$1,377.46. We did receive a bill for \$98.00 for the P.O. Box.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

COMMUNICATIONS BY MAIL

There was one payment received that was sent on January 20th. They had a \$9.00 credit on their billing and they sent it in with a check for \$80.00.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – ROSALIE FOUNTAIN

Rosalie said that she had received a Notice of a Potential Loss of Carriage rights to retransmit the signals of broadcast stations owned by LIN TV Corp at 11:59 P.M. on February 28, 2014. The programming to be lost included WTNH (cable channel 8); WCTX a/k/a MyTV9 (cable channel 9); Bounce TV (cable channel 813); WTNH-8 HD (cable channel 1008); and WCTX a/k/a MyTV9 HD (cable channel 1009).

According to Murtha Cullina, Attorneys at law, Cox is in the midst of negotiations and remains cautiously optimistic that they will reach an agreement prior to the contractual deadline.

This may be a good opportunity to push back and look at the black-out rules.

Rosalie also received a letter dated January 24, 2014 providing notification of programming changes. On February 1, 2014 Cox will begin to offer its existing customers only a TV Economy Plus subscription which will include the TV Economy programming as well as eight other programming services to include: The Hallmark Channel; the Cooking Channel; Boomerang; ABC Family; Disney Jr.; Bravo; ESPN News; and Discovery ID.

In addition, SyFy and SyFy HD, in positions 55 and 1055 are currently available with any subscription that includes the TV Economy tier of programming

MOTION: To approve the Chairman's report.

Moved by Andy Jay, seconded by Barbara Haeffner, motion was passed unanimously by the Council members present.

COX COMMUNICATIONS – PETER TALBOT

Peter was not in attendance at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Peter had said that he would contact Southington to ask them to appoint a replacement for David Voris to the Council. We still have not heard anything so Rosalie said that she would contact them.

NEW BUSINESS

By-laws revisions. Kathy had sent out copies of the by-laws to all the Council members. We need to look into changing the by-laws to address the quorum issues. Peter had stated that the other Councils had changed their by-laws to reflect that as long as a representative from 2/3 of the Towns on the Council are represented then there would be a quorum.

Another change to be considered with the by-laws is regarding the scheduled months of the meetings. For the past two years there have been conflicts in June due to graduations, meetings, etc. and we ended up eliminating the June meeting and having the dinner meetings in May. It was unclear whether the Council was required to meet five times a year or six. Rosalie will ask Peter what the State Regulations require.

If we only have to do five meetings then we can eliminate the June meeting. If we are required to have six meetings then possibly we can change the June meeting to either October or April and have the dinner meeting in May.

The Council also discussed the actual days of the scheduled meetings. We currently have our meetings on the Third Tuesday. Previously we had our meetings on the second Tuesday but it was changed to accommodate Peter's schedule as part of the Cheshire Town Council. Unfortunately, the third Tuesday is also causing conflicts with other Council members. It was suggested that we ask Council members what days are best for them.

The Council did not believe that a committee would be needed to make any necessary changes to the by-laws. Kathy will send out an email to all Council members with a deadline for responding with their comments regarding quorums, scheduled months in which the meetings are held and the actual days of the meetings. The comments / suggestions will be compiled and can be voted on at the next meeting in March.

Rosalie noted that we will also need to have a nominating committee to put together the slate of officers to be voted on at the May meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 18, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. at the Cox Studio in Cheshire.

REMINDER

Rosalie has requested that anyone who is unable to attend the meetings, that they please contact either Kathy or herself.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Dave Cooley, seconded by Barbara Haeffner, motion was passed unanimously by the Council members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Doherty

**Kathy Doherty
Recording Secretary**