

CHESHIRE, MERIDEN, SOUTHLINGTON CABLE ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2020
VIA GOOGLE MEET LINK

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Kiewlen, Therese Bradley, Sandra Brunoli, Susan Moore, and Karen Roesler. Excused: Henry Chase, Camillia Kimmel, Mike Solimine, and Cox Communications representative, Peter Talbot.

Call to Order: President Richard Kiewlen called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Roll Call: Secretary Karen Roesler recorded the attendance and a quorum was determined.

Approval of the minutes: On a motion by Therese B. and a second by Sandra B. the minutes from the January 15, 2020 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Therese Bradley gave the following report:

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2020)	\$1448.64
Income (Cox Stipends for 2018 and 2019)	\$4000.00
Income (Interest)	\$.67
Expense	\$.00
Ending Balance	\$5449.31

On a motion by Karen R. and a second by Susan M. the Treasurers report was accepted. Therese B. noted that the 2020 stipend from Cox has not been received.

Communications from the Public: None

Communications By mail: Karen R. reported that since the January 2020 meeting four payments were sent to the CAC P.O Box and either returned to the customer or taken to the Cox Communications Customer Center in Meriden. They were from four different customers. Also received in the mail was a request from a customer to receive paper bills and a complaint about a fourteen-day loss of service after a storm. Both were sent to Cox and cc'd to CAC.

New Business: Susan Moore updated the Council on the "Everyone Learns" state program. The Meriden School System has participated in this program. Among other provisions supported by the State and Dalia Foundation, Cox Communications is offering equipment and one year free service to eligible families to support remote learning. Meriden Schools has forwarded the information about this program to families who then must go through an application process directly with Cox. Meriden Schools already have "checked out" around 200 hotspots to families in the City through preexisting programs and/or purchases.

Membership Appointments Update: According to the current CAC Bylaws and PURA, the chief elected official of each Town in the franchise area should appoint three members from the towns of Cheshire and Southington and four members from the city of Meriden. In addition, there should be one appointee from each of the Town's Boards of Education. Finally, there should be one member appointed by the Meriden Library Board as the largest public library in the franchise.

Currently needing appointment: 3 members from City of Meriden, 1 member from Southington, and 1 member from Cheshire, and 1 member from the Southington Board of Education. Karen Roesler has been the representative appointed by the Meriden Library Board but has retired and is no longer eligible as the Library representative but could be a City representative. Chairman Richard Kiewlen asked Karen Roesler, as current CAC secretary, to write to each appointing agency to update membership.

Update on cable services by Peter Talbot: Due to Peter Talbot's absence there was no report.

Confirmation of Meeting Dates for 2021: Meeting dates were confirmed for 2021 and will be distributed to members and Town Clerks. The January 2021 meeting will be held virtually and Susan Moore provided a link for public posting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on January 20, 2021 via a Google Meet link.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m. on a motion by Susan M. and a second by Sandra B.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Roesler
CAC Secretary