

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL

January 12, 2017

The regular meeting of the Cable Television Advisory Council of Litchfield was held on Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oliver Wolcott Library, South Street, Litchfield, CT. A quorum was present: Chairman, Stephen Simonin, Diane Knox, Litchfield; Marie Soliani, Lucille Paige, Torrington; Thomas Lambert, Gary Lafferty, Watertown; John Angevine, Warren; David Rosaler, Goshen. Absent: Andrew MacDavid, Cornwall, John Luciano, Torrington, Jeff Dunn, Thomaston.

Also present representing the public: Darlene Clouter, Reno Soucy, Angela Soucy, Leslie Caron (Bantam) Dave Pavlick, James Schultz (Warren).

Also present was Jennifer Young, Cablevision Representative.

Mr. Simonin called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Upon a motion by Marie Soliani, seconded by Lucille Paige, the agenda was approved as submitted. Voted unanimous.

Under Public Participation, James Schultz read aloud his letter sent to WFSB Corporate Council. Leslie Caron stated it is wrong to hold the public hostage while negotiations are ongoing with WFSB and Altice.

Reno Soucy stated why there is no "watchdog" group over the FCC. Why wait for public to file an official complaint. Ms. Young, from Cablevision the broadcast system and the exclusive rights to broadcast.

James Schultz asked why WFSB cannot "shop" their broadcast system. Ms. Young replied why they cannot.

Chairman Simonin reported on his work with US Senator Richard Blumenthal. Should petition be started? Open video franchise?

The unanimous request from the public was to garner "credit" to each and every subscriber who is without WFSB; for subscribers/public to choose their own cable provider; and reduced cost of cable service in general.

Chairman Simonin reiterated how Cablevision service from pole to homes is very "over compressed".

Cablevision Representative Young outlined the discount programs to low income families.

In a motion made by Diane Knox, seconded by Gary Lafferty, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Secretary
