

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, March 9, 2017

ATTENTION! New Facebook page for Cable Television Advisory Council - *LitchfieldCTAC*

The regular meeting of the Cable Television Advisory Council of Litchfield was held on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oliver Wolcott Library, South St., Litchfield, CT. A quorum was present: Chairman Stephen Simonin, Diane Knox, Litchfield; Andrew MacDavid, Cornwall; John Angevine, Warren; Thomas Lambert, Watertown; Lucille Paige, Torrington; David Rosaler, Goshen; Jeff Dunn, Thomaston. Absent: Marie Soliani, John Luciano, Torrington; Gary Lafferty, Denise Russ, Watertown.

Also present: Jennifer Young, Laura Jordan, Cablevision/Altice

Representing the public: James Schultz

A discussion was held beginning with Chairman Simonin reporting on the meeting held in Thomaston, on February 22nd with WFSB and Altice representatives. It was noted that more than 100 subscribers from the public (area towns) also attending this meeting. They voiced their opposition on the continued loss of channel 3, WFSB, CBS. The majority opinion of those that attended that meeting, was the subscribers strong opposition to this "hostage" holding in the contract negotiations was met with no merit.

James Schultz wanted to know what the next step would be to get back the lost channels. Stephen Simonin reported that he is continuing to get some action from US Congressman, Richard Blumenthal and the FCC to make changes in the law(s) to protect cable subscribers. Jeff Dunn asked about binding arbitration. Jennifer Young reported that a counter offer from Altice was given to WFSB on February 28th. A formal complaint should be on record with the FCC.

Upon a motion made by Thomas Lambert, seconded by Diane Knox, the minutes of the January 12, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted. Voted unanimous.
