

# CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL (Litchfield)

## MINUTES

**Thursday, September 11, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Cable Television Advisory Council was held on Thursday, September 11, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oliver Wolcott Library, South Street, Litchfield, Connecticut. A quorum was not seated. Present: Stephen Simonin, Chairman, Litchfield; Gerry Gault, Litchfield; Diane Knox, Litchfield, Lucille A. Paige, Torrington, John Angevine, Warren. Also present: Pat Donovan. Representing *Cablevision* in attendance was Jennifer Young.

Mr. Simonin called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

The agenda was approved by consensus of those present.

Correspondence was received from Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Torrington High School and Litchfield High School; letters of appreciation for the \$1,500 grant each school received to purchase technical equipment for their schools.

The town of Goshen and Watertown will be contacted again in an effort recruit representatives from those town to sit on the Council.

Mrs. Knox, Treasurer, reported a balance in the amount of \$327.23 as of this date.

Both John Angevine and Lucille Paige reported complaints from their towns regarding the rate increases on the sports channels and the continued lack of any ala carte subscriptions. Mrs. Young (*Cablevision*) gave explanation of "price rights" to carry sports channels and other menu items. Programmers profit from what is on the "tier", consistent revenue stream.

Steven Simonin reported the non-functioning of his "video on demand" – no font, no forward – it goes back to the beginning. Also he reported that the Russian channel is "not available at this time". Mrs. Young will investigate.

Mr. Simonin reported on his attendance at the State-Wide Cable Council. Public TV sponsorship going over to Internet; wants to change Internet users, Frontier Communications.

He also gave his experience at COSTCO with their advertising of Direct TV and also at Walmart.

Pat Donovan having Channel 22 showing network mistake.

Jennifer Young reported that C-Span will go on the Optimum App.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Secretary