

**DANBURY, BETHEL, RIDGEFIELD
CABLE ADVISORY COUNCIL
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MEETING MINUTES June 19, 2008
Town Hall Annex
Ridgefield, Connecticut

MEETING OPENED: 7:10 pm by Dianne Eppinger, Chairman

Attendance: A=Absent, EA=Excused Absence, L=Late, LE=Left Early

Present:

Danbury: Dianne Eppinger; Sondra Grossi

Bethel: Anne Freestone, Robin Renner

Comcast: Sharon Codeanne, David King

Absent:

Danbury: Greg Scalzo (A)

Bethel: Robert Pitt (EA)

Ridgefield: Cary Nadel (EA); Anne Marie Surfaro-Boehme(EA); Melinda Violante (EA)

Call to Order:

A quorum is present for the meeting.

Public Comments

None.

Chairman's Report:

The Minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting were approved on Motion by Anne Freestone, seconded by Robin Renner. Dianne Eppinger abstained.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$10,139.52 and ending balance of \$9,750.64. Report approved unanimously on Motion by Robin Renner, seconded by Dianne Eppinger.

Comcast's Report:

Sharon Codeanne reported the following:

Community Relations:

Comcast awarded *Leaders & Achievers* scholarships to several graduating high school seniors throughout Connecticut, including the following students:

Kaitlyn Arconti - Danbury High School

Isaiah Love - Alternative Center for Excellence

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Benjamyn Nieman - Henry Abbott V-T School
 Andrew Smietana - Bethel High School

Marketing:

On June 3rd, upload speeds for all Performance and Performance Plus Internet services were increased as follows (with no price increase):

CHSI Performance - 6 Mbps / 1 Mbps
 CHSI Performance Plus - 8 Mbps / 2 Mbps

On June 4th, *Discovery Home* changed its name to *Planet Green*.

On June 16th, *WNBC 4.4* changed its name to *Universal Sports Network - NBC/WCSN*.

On July 1st, *WE* will be added at channel 117 in the Digital Classic Tier.

On July 15th, the following channels will be added to our HD lineup; *TNT HD; ESPN HD; MojoHD; UHD; HD Theater; and National Geographic Channel HD*.

On July 15th, the following channels will move to anew channel number and service level:

NECN from Basic Channel 10 to Basic Channel 177 - (Digital Box Required)

Hallmark from Expanded Basic Channel 38 to Digital Starter Channel 137

AMC from Expanded Basic Channel 37 to Digital Starter Channel 138

MSNBC from Expanded Basic Channel 63 to Digital Starter Channel 179

Community Access:

David King reported the following:

Dave King along with many other Comcasters participated in *Comcast Cares Day* on Saturday May 3rd. The volunteer effort included painting, computer network re-wiring and other enhancements at *Escape To The Arts* on Main Street in Danbury.

The Spring training class at Channel 23 was completed on May 9th with 11 participants completing the class. The summer class begins June 25th.

We currently have one of our studio cameras out for repair as well as one of our remote production cameras. We have been notified that the remote camera has been repaired and will be returned to us soon.

We have several new programs airing on Channel 23. They include:

Spotlight On...

Focuses on collectibles and memorabilia with an emphasis on Danbury history.
 (Tuesday - 9:00 p.m.; Fridays - 1:00 p.m.)

Richter Association For The Arts Presents...

Videotaped coverage of cultural events held by the Richter Association For The Arts
 (Tuesdays - 10:00p.m.; Thursdays - 1:00 p.m.)

These Days

General interest talk show in which the premiere episode featured David Kaczynski, brother of Ted Kaczynski - the Unabomber.

Expose Cinema

Features documentaries focusing on current issues
(Thursday – 7:30 p.m.)

One of our producers videotaped the 2008 Danbury Memorial Day Parade which is currently airing on Wednesday at 9:00 p.m.

We collected \$105.00 from sales of videotapes provided by the DBR Cable Advisory Council. The money is being submitted to the Treasurer at this meeting.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

On Motion by Anne Freestone, seconded by Robin Renner, items kk. and ll. were added to the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

- a. Murtha Cullina LLP, April 14, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08-02- 11 – DPUC Review of Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Public Act 07-153 – Application for Party Status by Cox Communications.
- b. Robinson & Cole LLP, April 14, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08- 02-11 – DPUC Review of Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Public Act 07-253.
- c. State of Connecticut, Department of Public Utility Control, April 14, 2008 Notice re Docket No. 08-04-02 – DPUC Investigation for the Need to Impose Federal Rate Regulation Requirements on Certified Cable Franchise Authority (CCFA) Providers.
- d. Robinson & Cole LLP, April 16, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08- 02-11 - DPUC Review of Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Public Act 07-253.
- e. AT&T, April 16, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08-02-11 – DPUC Review of Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Public Act 07-253.
- f. Murtha Cullina LLP, April 16, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08-02- 11 – DPUC Review of Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Public Act 07-253 – Letter in Lieu of Comments by Cox Communications.
- g. Murtha Cullina LLP, April 16, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08-02- 11 – DPUC Review of Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Public Act 07-253 – Letter in Lieu of Comments by MetroCast Communications.
- h. Murtha Cullina LLP, April 16, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08-02- 11 – DPUC Review of Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Public Act 07-253.
- i. Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C., April 16, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08-02-11 – DPUC Review of Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Public Act 07-253.

- j. Robinson & Cole LLP, April 18, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08-02-11 – DPUC Review of Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Public Act 07-253.
- k. Murtha Cullina LLP, April 22, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 07-05- 23 – DPUC Review of AT&T Connecticut's Community Access Funding Obligations – Cox Communications Response to AT&T CT Compliance Filing and Request for Further Orders.
- l. Robinson & Cole LLP, April 23, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 07- 05-23 – DPUC Review of AT&T Connecticut's Community Access Funding Obligations.
- m. Murtha Cullina LLP, April 23, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 07-05- 23 – DPUC Review of AT&T Connecticut's Community Access Funding Obligations – MetroCast Objection to AT&T Claim of Compliance Concerning General Statutes § 16-331a(k) Access Funding.
- n. State of Connecticut, Department of Public Utility Control, April 24, 2008 Notice re Docket No. 08-02-11 – DPUC Review of Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Public Act 07-253.
- o. State of Connecticut, Department of Public Utility Control, April 28, 2008 Notice re Docket No. 08-04-02 – DPUC Investigation for the Need to Impose Federal Rate Regulation on CCFA Providers – Notice of Request for Written Comments.
- p. AT&T, April 30, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 07-05-23 – DPUC Review of AT&T Connecticut's Community Access Funding Obligations.
- q. State of Connecticut, Department of Public Utility Control, May 2, 2008 letter re Docket No. 07-05-23, DPUC Review of AT&T Connecticut's Community Access Funding Obligations.
- r. Lynn Waller May 4, 2008 letter of resignation.
- s. Murtha Cullina LLP, May 5, 2008 letter (on behalf of MetroCast) to DPUC re Docket No. 08-01-05 – DPUC Annual Community Access Support Review.
- t. Murtha Cullina LLP, May 5, 2008 letter (on behalf of CoxCom) to DPUC re Docket No. 08-01-05 – DPUC Annual Community Access Support Review.
- u. AT&T, May 7, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08-02-11 – DPUC Review of Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Public Act 07-253.
- v. Robinson & Cole LLP, May 7, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08-02- 11 – DPUC Review of Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Public Act 07- 253.
- w. Murtha Cullina LLP, May 7, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08-02-11 – DPUC Review of Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Public Act 07-253.
- x. State of Connecticut, Department of Public Utility Control, May 8, 2008 Notice re Docket No. 08-01-05 – DPUC Annual Community Access Support Review – Notice of Written Exceptions, Briefs and Rescheduled Oral Arguments.

- y. Robinson & Cole LLP, May 15, 2008 letter to DPUC re Comcast – Channel Additions and Programming Changes.
- z. AT&T, May 16, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 07-25-23 – DPUC Review of AT&T Connecticut's Community Access Funding Obligations - Responses and Motion for Protective Order.
- aa. Robinson & Cole LLP, May 21, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08-04-02 – DPUC Investigation for Need to Impose Federal Rate Regulation on CCFA Providers.
- bb. Murtha Cullina LLP, May 21, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08-04- 02 – DPUC Investigation for the Need to Impose Federal Rate Regulation on CCFA Providers – Cox Communications Written Comments.
- cc. Murtha Cullina LLP, May 21, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08-04-02 – MetroCast letter in response in lieu of written comments.
- dd. Murtha Cullina LLP, May 21, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 08-04- 02 – DPUC Investigation for the Need to Impose Federal Rate Regulation on CCFA Providers – Written comments of New England Cable and Telecommunications Association, Inc.
- ee. State of Connecticut, Department of Public Utility Control, May 21, 2008 letter to AT&T re Docket No. 07-05-23 – DPUC Review of AT&T Connecticut's Community Access Funding Obligations.
- ff. State of Connecticut, Office of Consumer Council, May 21, 2008 Written Comments re Docket No. 08-04-02 – DPUC Investigation of the Need to Impose Federal Rate Regulation Requirements on Certified Cable Franchise Authority (CCFA) Providers.
- gg. Murtha Cullina LLP, May 22, 2008 letter to DPUC re Docket No. 07-05- 23 – DPUC Review of AT&T Connecticut's Community Access Funding Obligations – Cox Communications Responses to AT&T CT Compliance Filing and Request for Further Orders.
- hh. Robinson & Cole LLP, May 28, 2008 letter to DPUC re Comcast – Technical Correction to Schedules of Rates and Charges.
- ii. State of Connecticut, Department of Public Utility Control, May 29, 2008 Notice of Technical Meeting re Docket No. 07-05-23 re DPUC Review of AT&T Connecticut's Community Access Funding Obligations.
- jj. Robinson & Cole LLP, June 5, 2008 letter to DPUC re Comcast – Channel Additions and Programming Changes.
- kk. State of Connecticut, Office of Consumer Counsel June 9, 2008 letter to DPUC re DPUC Annual Community Access Support Review – Docket No. 08-01-05.
- ll. State of Connecticut, Department of Public Utility Control June 11, 2008 Notice re Cancellation of Regular Meeting and Agenda of Special Meeting June 19, 2008.

All of the above items were discussed by Council members and Comcast representatives.

mm. Dianne Eppinger letter of resignation effective June 30, 2008.

nn. Election of Chairman

On Motion by Anne Freestone, seconded by Robin Renner, election of a new chairman was tabled until the September 18, 2008 meeting because several members were absent from this meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Council members are encouraged to attend the September meeting to participate in the election of a new chairman.

Mayor Boughton will be contacted and urged to fill the two Danbury vacancies prior to the September meeting.

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for September 18, 2008 in Ridgefield.

Public Comments - follow-up:

No follow-up public comments.

Motion to Adjourn: Anne Freestone

Second: Melinda Violante

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 pm. by the Chairman

Minutes as recorded by Dianne Eppinger, Chairman and presented subject to approval, on September 18, 2008.

(Signed) _____

Dianne Eppinger