

Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council  
**10 July 2014**  
**Salem**  
Minutes

Attending: Peter Sielman, Pam Munro, Brian Bowes, Cathy Frank, Russ Gomes; John Bairos from Comcast

Absent: Tim Devlin, Gary Mezzi

**Call to Order**

Chairman Peter Sielman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Pam, seconded by Peter, to approve the minutes of April 10 2014. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Cathy reported there have been no expenditures since the last meeting, and bank balances are savings: \$17565.03, checking: \$356.47.

**Statewide Video Council Report**

Russ Gomes attended the most recent Statewide Council meeting and will e-mail documents from that meeting to Council members. The Statewide Council will be splitting into two groups: one to research cable fees and the possibility of a senior rate; the other to investigate the impact of new technologies on video & cable.

Members surmised that current options available on cable packages may be confusing to seniors.

(note: after the meeting Russ e-mailed all Council members with documents from the Statewide Council meeting, which included franchise contact information, Statewide Council Meeting minutes, and minutes from the Newtown Advisory Council).

**Comcast Report**

John Bairos distributed new Channel line-ups and reported that 44 Comcast Leaders & Achievers scholarships were awarded in 2014. One was awarded to a graduate from East Lyme High School.

He has been communicating with the Salem Supt of Schools about the possibility of installing a return line for live broadcasting of meetings.

Peter asked if Comcast can send information electronically instead of sending print copies. He receives multi-page reports and suggests that Comcast could mail notification that a report will be sent electronically to save resources. John will look into this.

**Public Access Report**

Lynn Perry was unable to attend & provide an Access report. John said he will forward Lynn's report.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

### 2015 Scholarships

Members discussed why no applications had been received for the current year and agreed it may be coincidental to a change in the application requirements. Multiple applications have been received in previous years. No changes will be made to the existing application. Pam and Cathy will submit the application to the appropriate high schools in time to be included in fall scholarship bulletins.

Peter suggested that Pam speak with the Salem Superintendent of Schools about encouraging Salem students at East Lyme High School to apply.

Peter also suggested taping interviews for Public Access with former scholarship recipients. Cathy will contact former recipients and set up taping tapes. Any Advisory Council members available at those times can participate in the interviews.

### Lyme renovation project/Comcast wiring

Brian said there is really nothing to report about the Lyme renovation. The Lyme project is on schedule. He will ask Lyme First Selectman Ralph Eno about scheduling the October 9 Advisory Council meeting in Lyme.

Peter asked Cathy to contact Tim Devlin and Gary Mezzi and confirm their attendance at the October 9 meeting.

Cathy will also notify Brian when she schedules the taping of PSAs for the Town of Old Lyme at the Old Lyme studio so he can observe the taping.

### Public Comment

None

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Cathy Frank

7/17/14