

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Thursday, June 24, 2010

The regular meeting of the Cable Television Advisory Council of Litchfield, was held on Thursday, June 24, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sullivan Senior Center, Torrington, CT.

A quorum was seated: Stephen Simonin, Chairman, Litchfield; John Willink, Litchfield; John Angevine, Warren; Gerry Crowley, Torrington Board of Education; John Luciano, Torrington; Bernard Harrington, Goshen; Lucille Paige, Torrington, Absent: Diane Knox, Litchfield; Andrew MacDavid, Cornwall; Jeff Dunn, Thomaston; Chris Cunningham, Watertown.

Also present from Cablevision: Jennifer Young, Michael Chowanec, and Adam Falk.

Mr. Simonin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Harrington moved and Mr. Luciano seconded a motion to proceed with "Cable TV Advisory Council" Website. Motion unanimous.

Upon a motion by Mr. Willink, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the minutes of the March 11, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Mr. Peter Tyzenski, of Morris asked about the additional set top boxes that are now required and the elimination of the channels.

Ms. Susan Fox, Torrington commented on the required boxes and the costs therein.

Jeff Linell, Watertown commented on the poor picture quality, problems he incurred with installation of set top boxes and the loss of access to channel featuring local sports teams.

John and Marion Irwin, Litchfield, asked if a TV that does not require the set top box be purchased, the costs of the boxes and loss of channels.

Mr. Jeff (?), Goshen asked if there a box or apparatus that allows customers to switch back to analog broadcasting.

Mr. Simonin explained how television signals (utility) with set top boxes were a "right" to the people, yet DPUC nor FCC has regulations in place to address the problems cited by the audience at this meeting. He urged people to go online to the DPUC website to read the postings for more information. Mr. Simonin reported on the State Advisory Council meeting held recently in New Britain. He urged those in attendance to contact their state and federal congressional people to get standards on the books for protection of the people. He explained the petition that has been drafted and what is outlined for legislative consideration. Mr. Falk, from Cablevision, did not believe that they were only using 20% of the transport for digital TV. He was invited to return with the 2010 proof of performance section that was deleted from the previous year's report. With this specific report, all can review it in detail with the goal of eliminating any outstanding questions regarding same.

Mr. Harrington felt the petition and its contents needs more explanation, perhaps an extra meeting(s). He reiterated that each town within the franchise needs to appoint/send more representation to these meetings in order to get the attention of DPUC, legislators.

Mr. Willink stated that each set top box is large and using one for each TV in a household is problematic. A small kitchen TV cannot accommodate a large set top box; three or four boxes per household should render a discount.

Mr. & Mrs. Irwin asked if some type of "bulk service" going into an institution such as Geer Village is possible.

Mr. Simonin will compose a letter to DPUC; e-mail it to all members before sending for their approval.

Upon a motion by Mr. Willink, seconded by Mr. Luciano, the entire Council will serve as nominating committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Ms. Paige, seconded by Mr. Crowley, Stephen Simonin was nominated to serve as Chairman. Motion unanimous

Upon a motion by Ms. Paige, seconded by Mr. Angevine, John Luciano was nominated to serve as Vice Chairman. Motion unanimous.

Upon a motion by Mr. Simonin, seconded by Mr. Willink, Lucille Paige was nominated to serve as Secretary. Motion unanimous.

Upon a motion by Mr. Simonin, seconded by Mr. Willink, Diane Knox was nominated to serve as Treasurer. Motion Unanimous.

Hearing no further nominations, nominations for officers for 2010-2011 were closed. Voting for those who have been nominated will be held at the September 9th meeting.

The next meeting of this Council will be held THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Secretary

Approved as corrected at the September 9, 2010 meeting.