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**MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2008
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center
Bethel, Connecticut**

MEETING OPENED: 7:10 by Cary Nadel

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

Present:

Ridgefield: Cary Nadel

Danbury: Sondra Grossi, Lynn Waller

Bethel: Anne Freestone, Bob Pitt, Robin Renner

Absent:

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

Danbury: Dianne Eppinger (EA); Greg Scalzo (A)

Call to Order:

A quorum is present for this meeting

Public Comments:

No Public Comments

Chairman's Report:

The Minutes from the February 21, 2008 meeting were approved.

No other issues to present.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening balance was \$10,152.47, after bank charges the closing balance was \$10,139.52.
Report was unanimously approved on motion by Lynn Waller, seconded by Cary Nadel.

Comcast's Report:

Sharon Codeanne reported:

Community Relations:

Comcast Care Day will be held on May 3rd at *Escape to Arts* in Danbury

Marketing:

- On March 10th, "Fox Sports New York" changed its name to "MSG Plus"
- On March 12th, "Sci Fi HD" was added to the Expanded Basic Tier at channel 217, and "Animal Planet HD" was added to the Expanded Basic Tier at channel 193
- On March 17th, "College Sports TV" changed its name to "CBS College Sports Network"
- On April 9th, "AZN" stopped broadcasting and is no longer available
- On April 23rd, "Mun2" will be added to the Canales Selecto Tier at channel 607; and "Canales 52 MX" will be removed
- Comcast will carry Papal visit including the masses celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI as part of his highly anticipated visit to the United States. The masses will be available on On Demand free to Digital Customers within a few hours after each mass ends.

Community Access:

- Spring Video Production Training course is underway. There are 11 people taking the course which continues weekly until May 2, 2008.
- Three new programs airing on Channel 23. *Spotlight On ...* is a variety program focusing on memorabilia and local history and airs on Tuesdays at 9 pm and Fridays at 1 pm. *Full Gospel Businessmen* is a local religious program which airs at 7 pm on Fridays and *To Your Health* is presented by the Northwest Mental Health Authority and airs on Mondays at 8 pm starting on April 28, 2008.
- An independent film project titled, "*Son of a Bush*" was recently completed at our facility. It will air on Channel 23 in the near future. Specific airdates and times have not been scheduled yet.
- The Community Access staff will be participating in *Comcast Cares Days* on Saturday May 3, 2008.

Lynn Waller asked about cameras and repairs. Dave King stated they are being worked on as needed. Timing of the repairs varies depending on the type of service.

Lynn asked about the digital boxes. Sharon informed her that the boxes will not be available from Comcast. There is a lot of confusion regarding the analog/digital box. Sharon informed the Council that each billing statement contains messages regarding the box.

Cary Nadel stated that there is a \$40 voucher available to purchase the box from local retail stores.

Robin Renner questioned whether Comcast would be providing instructions on what to do or how to handle the analog to digital change over. Comcast cannot possibly cover all of the possibilities; they can only inform the customers there is a change over.

OLD BUSINESS:

Keep in mind that Dianne Eppinger will be stepping down. The Council will need to think about who can be the new Chairperson.

ATT may be funding Community Access. Cary has a meeting with ATT and will ask what is going on with Access. CTN Website has the comparison of ATT vs Cable.

Bob Pitt stated that Bethel has no access/not using the Governmental Channel. To use the channel there must be a presentation to the town of a list of the equipment needed in order to produce. Can Dave King such a list and email it to Dianne.

New Business:

Lynn Waller asks if Comcast can raise fees without going to DPUC. Sharon responded that no Comcast needed to file.

What reporting must Comcast still be done.

Public Comments – Follow Up:

No Follow-up Comments

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 pm by the Vice Chairman, Cary Nadel.

Minutes as recorded by Anne Freestone, Treasurer and presented subject to approval, on June 19, 2008.

Anne Freestone