

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Thursday, January 24, 2013

A meeting of the Litchfield Cable Television Advisory Council was held on Thursday, January 24, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Oliver Wolcott Library in Litchfield, Connecticut. Present: Stephen Simonin, Chairman; Diane Knox, Litchfield; Lucille Paige, Torrington; Michael Chowaniec, *Cablevision*; Darlene Clouter, Litchfield Democratic Town Committee.

Mr. Simonin called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Ms. Paige, the agenda was approved as submitted.

Under public participation, Mrs. Clouter questioned the increases in her *Cablevision* services. Mr. Chowaniec explained the price increases noting the small increase of \$5.00 on Optimum Online and \$5.00 on basic broadcast.

Mrs. Knox asked Mr. Chowaniec if *Cablevision* had experienced decrease in subscriptions to change overs Direct TV. Mr. Chowaniec advised there has been some movement, but increases in other services from Cablevision. He cited the increase in completion with *Netflix*, video service.

Under correspondence, Ms. Paige reported on the inquiry from Thomaston High School regarding the Council's annual scholarship distribution. Mrs. Clouter received correspondence from a member of the town of Cornwall indicating interest in television on the local station the town's Selectmen's meetings and the Cornwall Board of Education meetings. Litchfield and Torrington televise their Board of Education meetings. Mr. Chowaniec will have Mrs. Jennifer Young (*Cablevision*) investigate the process.

Mrs. Knox, Treasurer, reported that the balance in the Council's account as of 1/24/13 is \$493.10.

The consensus of the members in attendance approved Mr. Stephen Simonin to serve on the State of Connecticut Video Advisory Council. There are twenty-four (24) State Council members representing cable television providers.

A discussion was held that arrived at proposed meeting dates for 2013 for public notification:

Wednesday, March 6, 2013
Thursday, June 27, 2013
Thursday, September 12, 2013
Thursday, January 9, 2014

Ms. Paige will contact Mr. Doug Parker for notice to be made in the *LitchfieldBZ news paper*, WZBG Radio, as well as the other standard newspapers in the area franchise.

Mr. Chowaniec, *Cablevision* representative reported that *Cablevision* adequately addressed the recent outages in service. Future techniques will enable customers/subscribers to monitor their own service to their homes via the internet. Credits to customers' statements can be given but only from a phone call to *Cablevision*; credits due to outages cannot be given automatically.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Secretary