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TO: A9CC MEMBERS February 3, 2022

FROM: Hal Levy

RE: MINUTES OF FEBRUAY 2, 2022 MEETING VIA ZOOM

#### ATTENDANCE:

Darien: Jim Cameron, David Dever, Joan McGettigan

Easton: Doug Dempsey, Andy Anderson

Greenwich: Craig Jones, Barbara Heins, Herst Tebbe, Den Conway, Michael Reid

New Canaan: Paul Sedlak, Bob Doran, Roman Cebulski

Norwalk: Irene Dixon, Mark Minnock, Andy Garfunkel, Trever Kline

Redding: Bob Moran

Stamford: Bob Lion, Eric Morson, Alec Iogman

Weston: Don Saltzman, Gabe Tully

Westport: Hal Levy, <del>Stan Witkow</del>, Natalie Carrignan Wilton: <del>Gary Battaglia</del>, <del>Joffrey Boehme</del>, <del>Fran Kompar</del>

Region 9: Mike D'Agostino Altice: Esme Lombard

Ed Committee: Julie Casper Roth (NCC)

Guests:

Excused: Stanley Witkow, (Westport); Roman Cebulski (New Canaan); Jeffrey Boehme, Fran Kompar (Wilton)

Hal called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:02pm with eight towns represented.

- Minutes of the December 15 meeting was approved.
- 2. Financial Report was approved.

#### 3. Old Business:

- Payment received from Altice for \$2K CAC support and \$100K E&G access funding. \$25K supplemental E&G funding will be sent shortly. Uverse pass-through will be paid later on.
- A9CC Annual Report filed with PURA on 1/7/22. Report was sent to town CEO's & schools Superintendents.
- Optimum broadcast channels were digitally encrypted on 1/10/22. Minimal feedback from subscribers. Esme will send details about availability and cost of DTA's.
- Towns & schools that have not sent in 2021 I-Net or programming logs should do so immediately.
  No new grants will be awarded without these logs. There was discussion on the importance of the logs as ordered by PURA and the demonstration of utilization of access funds.

### 4. 2022 Round 1 grant program:

Round 1 grants based on \$132,000 funding income. Unused Round 1 funds + UVerse funds will be used for round 2 grants. The following was adopted:

- \$66,000 each to E & G
- 10 grants of \$6,600 on the Government side
- Breakdown of the Educational portion to be determined by the Ed Committee
- A maximum of \$2,500 for each grant could be allocated to operations
- The deadline for submitting grants from the towns & schools is May 11
- Unused Round 1 funds retained separately in E&G funds for Round 2 grants

 Eligibility requirements as outlined in the Grant Procedures <a href="http://a9cc.org/GrantProcedures.pdf">http://a9cc.org/GrantProcedures.pdf</a> shall apply to these grants

# **Delinquent Grant Reports**

Town/School	Amount	Date Paid	Date Due	Notes/Status
Weston G	\$4,000.00	12/21/2020	2/19/2021	Request refund
Weston G	\$2,500.00	12/29/2020	6/27/2021	Request refund
New Canaan E	\$10,220.50	10/1/2021	11/30/2021	Request refund
Wilton G	\$2,500.00	5/14/2021	11/10/2021	Request refund
Region 9 E	\$9,995.00	10/20/21	12/19/2021	Extend to next meeting

## 5. Other Matters

• Esme reported that Altice has committed to rollout of fiber to the home by the end of 2022. "Cabinets" will be placed in the public right-of-ways.

Future meetings: 3/23/22, 5/25/22. All 5:00pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm