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Area 9 Cable Council

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TO: A9CC MEMBERS **October 23, 2025**
FROM: Hal Levy
RE: MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2025 MEETING VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: Jim Cameron, ~~Mike Wheeler~~, Carrie Wysocki, ~~Tim McGuire~~
Easton: Doug Dempsey
Greenwich: ~~Craig Jones, Horst Tebbe, Don Conway, Ken Borsuk~~, Sean Mayo
New Canaan: ~~Paul Sedlak, Bob Doran~~, Roman Cebulski
Norwalk: Irene Dixon, Mark Minnock, ~~John Freda~~
Redding: Bob Moran
Stamford: ~~Eric Morson, Ryan Fealey~~
Weston:
Westport: Hal Levy, Stan Witkow, Natalie Carrignan
Wilton: Jeffrey Boehme, Maria Breece
Region 9: Mike D'Agostino
Altice: Chris Bresnan
Ed Committee:
Guests: Alberto Vargas (Westport), Matt Knickerbocker (Wilton), Peter Riordan (Darien)
Excused: Mike Wheeler, Tim McGuire (Darien); Craig Jones, Horst Tebbe (Greenwich); Bob Doran (New Canaan)

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

Announcements:

Long time A9CC Darien rep Dave Dever passed away on October 8 after a long illness. Jim paid tribute to Dave who founded the Darien TV channel 29 years ago.

1. **Minutes** of the September 17 meeting was approved as written.
2. **Financial Report** was approved.
3. **Old Business:**
 - **A9CC Members not yet reappointed:** Paul Sedlak (New Canaan); Eric Morson, Jeffrey Boehme, (Wilton). Please ask your appointing authority to send in your appointment letter. Incumbent members who have not been reappointed by the end of December will be removed from the Council rolls.
 - **PEG channels shuffle:** PEG channels have been restored to 78, 79 & 88 on Optimum.
4. **Nutmeg TV petition to takeover Community Access Operations in Area 9**

Docket [25-09-07](#) Nutmeg TV petitioned to replace Altice as CAP in A9 along with similar petitions in other CT franchise areas. This would replace our town-specific PEG model with a centralized model. Nutmeg operates out of our area. All subscriber generated access funding would go to Nutmeg. Nutmeg could claim all equipment purchased with PEG funds. At the A9CC September meeting, the Council voted to oppose this action. Our objective is to have Nutmeg withdraw its petition. We asked Chris Bresnan to have Altice join us in opposition to Nutmeg takeover. Jim & Hal met with Chris on 9/26. We have not yet received an answer from Altice. We want to know the Altice position before taking up Nutmeg on its invitation to meet with them. Chris reported that Comcast has asked PURA for a delay of action on this until 2026 and that Altice may do the same. Altice will be meeting with Nutmeg on 10/30. We will send Chris questions for Nutmeg prior to their meeting. If this proceeds, A9CC will look for party status and mobilize the community in opposition. We have ~\$25K in A9CC operations account that can be drawn on for docket

expenses. A9CC members are asked to submit questions and concerns to Hal & Jim and begin identifying community resources to oppose the takeover,

5. 2025 Round 2 grant program:

\$43,000 to Edu, \$28,366 to Gov; Breakdown of the Educational portion to be determined by the Ed Committee; 7 grants of \$4,052 on the Government side; A maximum of \$2,500 for each grant can be allocated to operations; The hard deadline for submitting grants from the towns & schools is 12/5/2025

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
Wilton G	\$15,580.00	0	\$4,052.00 Approved ¹
Westport G	\$4,052.00	\$1,007.95	Approved
New Canaan E	\$4,181.17	0	Approved
Greenwich E	\$8,113.52	0	Approved with condition ²
Region 9 E	\$6,340.20	0	Approved
Easton G	\$1,552.00	0	Approved

¹ Wilton submitted an application for \$15,580 to replace its failing Windows 7 based server, As the Round 2 grant is maxed at \$4,052, there was much discussion on finding a solution to the shortfall. The Town of Wilton is unwilling to give financial support to its G channel. In addition to Jeff, Wilton's Town Supervisor Matt Knickerbocker spoke in support of the application. The Council approved a \$4,052 grant and will look at availability of funds may after the completion of Round 2 grants in December as well as new funding opportunities in the first quarter of 2026.

² Greenwich is to submit some form of evidence that Channel 78 is operational in Greenwich.

6. Access Channel Programming Problems and Solutions – None discussed.

7. Other Matters - None

Future Meetings: 12/10/2025, 1/28/2026, 3/18/2026, 5/27/2026 (All at 5PM on Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm.