

Northern Middlesex County Cable Advisory Council

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Minutes of May 16th, 2016

Middletown Town Hall – Council Chamber Room

Present: John Shilke (M), Robin Goss (M), Marco Iacoviello (C), Bill Wilson (M), Gary Aubin (EH), Jay Polke (C), Sue Bransfield (P), Jon Pulino (M)

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order at 7:16
2. Roll Call: names taken upon entering the room
3. Approval of the previous meeting minutes.
4. Approval of Agenda
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6. Public Speaking - None
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8. Treasurer's Report: Balance of 28,897.48 – Purchased Computers and Printer for the Veterans of MT, P and C
9. Chairman's Report: Main order of business is to choose a recipient of the Justin Hinds Scholarship.
10. Vice Chairman's Report: Customers complaining to members about the loss of YES channel and the fact that their bill didn't go down. John Bairos reports that there is NO agreement between COMCAST and YES. Been in negotiations since November, 2015. Board unanimously agreed that John and COMCAST keep negotiation for the good of the area customers.
11. John Bairos Report: Comcast will use a new/easier billing structure from now on to make the customer experience much easier and more understandable.
12. Kirsten gave handouts regarding PA Studio activities. Workshops available to the public. Recommend producers update their opening/closing credits. Editing classes under way and going smoothly
Editing Suite training is available on a 1:1 basis...Call the studio for info
13. Customer complaints: Customers from Middletown still complaining about YES TV being removed from their access, but their bill hasn't gone down...In fact, it went up!!
14. Attendance/Bylaw/Veteran Report – Nothing to report on attendance. No updates or comments on the Bylaws. Middletown Veterans received their desktop computer, Cromwell Veterans received their laptop computer and East Hampton Veterans received their All-in-one printer. Portland Veterans had their meeting tonight, so they will let me know what they desire. Still waiting to hear from someone from Middlefield. Bill Wilson reports that the Veterans of Middlefield are currently in the process of building up their enrollment.
15. Scholarship review – Three candidates submitted applications, essays and videos to the Council for the Justin Hinds Scholarship. All essays were read by Council members, all 3 videos were reviewed, and after much discussion, a winner was announced. Amanda Murphy of Portland was chosen as the winner. Justin Risley and Claudia Emanuele also did a wonderful job with their essays and videos. Was a tough choice. The winners video, essay, resume and her education future were the determining factor in our choice.
Letters are being sent out to the three candidates and a letter to the Portland High School announcing the winner will be sent out. Something for the school to announce at the Graduation Ceremony.

Scholarship application form will be amended to require an application and resume be sent via USPS to Jon Pulino. Also, the video should be sent via email as a hyperlink to either a YouTube or Vimeo video file.
16. No tabled items from March meeting
17. Good of the order – none
18. Adjournment at 8:51 pm.

Meetings for 2016: 7/18/16,9/19/16,11/21/16, 1/17/17 (Tuesday).