

Cable Advisory Council Area 2
Bridgeport, Fairfield, Stratford, Milford, Orange, Woodbridge
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Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2025, via Zoom

Attendance - Marlene Silverstein, Chairman, Mike Muttitt - Orange, Cindy Gerber, Noah Shernow - Woodbridge, Peter Klein - Fairfield, Janet Montalbano - Milford, and Esme Lombard - Altice

Call to Order - 7:08 P.M.

Minutes - Cindy, seconded by Janet, made the motion to approve the November 21, 2024 minutes. All present members voted in favor with an abstention from Peter Klein.

Chair Comments - Marlene explained that she reached out to Milford's mayor to find out the current status for Kara Flannery and Janet Montalbano and to request appointments to fill the vacant seats from Milford. She did not receive an answer from his office. Janet said she would reach out to his office.

Treasurer's Report - Janet reports that the balance in the account is \$12,400.27 with the only expenditure being for the website, Web.com, for \$43.42/month.

Howard Jacobson Scholarship - Cindy, explained that there was not one application received by the deadline date. Discussion was held as to why this was and what could be done to get responses. Mike explained that his church has several scholarships and, they too, received no responses. Janet felt that with so much in the checking account, we should raise the amount of the scholarship. It was suggested that the deadline be extended as well. Janet, seconded by Mike, made the motion to offer two \$2,500.00 scholarships and extend the deadline to August 22, 2025. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Membership - Marlene reported no changes to the membership roster.

Towns - Mike reported that OGAT, due to the death of former Coordinator Ron Davis, promoted Chris Kelly to Coordinator from Assistant Coordinator. He also explained that the Orange Board of Finance did not fund the position of Assistant Coordinator in the 2026-2027 budget so they cannot fill that position at this time. OGAT is also working on upgrading its job descriptions.

Cindy explained that WGATV is looking to upgrade its equipment, but that has not been done yet. Marlene reminded her that Grant Reports are due by December 15, 2025 and that Woodbridge cannot encumber the entire amount of the grant awarded. She will inform the Coordinator of WGATV.

Janet reported that there was no report for this month.

Peter reported that FairTV just underwent budget discussions.

Next Meeting – Marlene explained that June was the annual dinner meeting held at a restaurant. All members, their spouses/significant others, Coordinators, their spouses/significant others, first selectmen and mayors are invited. Some suggestions were made as to restaurants. Mike volunteered to find a restaurant for the dinner meeting.

Esme reported that Optimum has been sponsoring events in Area 2 such as the Stratford Festival which will be held on June 7, 2025. Optimum sponsored Team Mojo from Milford and also sponsored a team from Bridgeport.

Adjournment – Janet, seconded by Mike made the motion to adjourn. Adjournment was at 8:48 PM.

The next meeting will be June 19, 2025.