

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

April 25, 2024, via Zoom

Attendance - Ron Davis, Chairman, Marlene Silverstein, Vice Chair – Orange, Janet Montalbano, Kara Flannery – Milford, Cindy Gerber – Woodbridge, Lee Kamlet – Fairfield.

Call to Order – 7:35 P.M.

Marlene asked that due to Zoom time constraints, she get a motion to adjourn prior to the meeting, in case the time was cut. Cindy motioned, seconded by Kara, to adjourn if the meeting abruptly ended. All members voted in favor.

GATA Marlene explained to the membership that she felt it was time to change the way Area 2 distributed the annual grant funds. Area 1 distributes the funds evenly among all participants and Area 2 has a more involved process. Marlene suggested distributing the funds in a similar way to Area 1 and asked members for their thoughts.

Membership discussed their thoughts, current needs and past requests. Marlene reminded the members that the grant money can be spent on equipment, salary or subscriptions. Towns can encumber funds not spent in any one year but the encumbered funds must be spent in the following year. Area 2 towns would still have to report their expenditures to the Council by December 15th so that Marlene can report to PURA.

Cindy made the motion that on an annual basis, \$10,000.00 of the grant funding be awarded to Amity Regional School District and the remainder of the grant money (\$90,000.00) be divided equally between the participating Area 2 towns of Fairfield, Milford, Woodbridge and Orange (\$22,500.00 each).

Janet, Kara, Cindy, Marlene and Ron voted in favor with an abstention from Lee.

Marlene asked members to speak to their first selectman and mayors regarding membership. Fairfield is entitled to 4 members with only 1 member from FairTV being allowed to be appointed to CAC Area 2. Milford is entitled to 4 members and Orange and Woodbridge are entitled to 2 members each.

Next Scheduled Meeting Thursday, May 16, 2024, in Orange. Details to follow.

Adjournment 8:10 PM