

HACTAC Agenda
April 18, 2018
Windsor

Guest:

Minutes-

Treasurer Report

Town Reports:

Bloomfield
East Hartford
Hartford
Simsbury
West Hartford
Windsor

Company Reports:

Comcast
AT&T

Committee Reports:

Chairman's Report

Complaints-

Old Business

New Business

Next Meeting:

Adjournment:

Hartford Area Cable Television Advisory Council

2/1/18 – 3/31/18 Treasurer's Report

Webster Bank Checking Account:

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,200.77
Deposits/Credits	2,000.00
Withdrawals/Debit	27.36

Ending Balance: \$ 3,173.41

Deposits:
Comcast \$ 2,000.00

Debits:
Ken Picard 27.36

Certificates of Deposit

Account	Maturity Date	Interest Paid this period	Ending Balance
12 Month Certificate	9/4/18	\$ 0.82	\$ 5,064.48
11 Month Business CD	8/5/18	\$ 1.45	\$ 5,984.17
Total:		\$ 2.27	\$11,048.65

Prepared By:



David A. Raney, Treasurer



Date

HACTAC-Chairman Report
April 18, 2018

Correspondence Received:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Reason:</u>
4/6/2018	Lock & Ford-Comcast Atty	PURA	Programming Contracts
4/9/2018	Lock & Ford-Comcast Atty	PURA	Program Changes

Complaints: No official written complaints: Several phone call items: no problem

Open Discussion- on Station PURA filings

Open Discussion- Council Tips- Goals advice
Why HACTAC and what can we do? Where and how?

Quorum Requirement for meeting-
3 town's rep
6 members

Debbie Burrell

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Subject: HACTAC Comcast Update: 2018 Xfinity Watchathon & New Bill Format

Hello Everyone:

I hope this email finds you all well. I'm reaching out with some Comcast updates. Comcast has a longstanding commitment to creating and delivering the best experience for our customers. Please see the two updates about our 2018 Xfinity Watchathon Week and New Bill format below:

Xfinity Watchathon – April 16th-22nd

Xfinity Watchathon Week 2018 Begins on April 16, 2018: For the sixth year in a row, Xfinity will deliver **Watchathon Week** to Xfinity TV customers, allowing them to catch up on thousands of movies and TV shows. Eligible customers can access Netflix, more than 50 networks like AMC, FX, HBO, MTV, NBC, SHOWTIME®, and STARZ, while also discovering programming from more than two dozen emerging subscription video on demand services (SVODs) like Acorn TV, AMC Premiere, FX+, Lifetime Movie Club, and more. Please click on the link for more details relating to this event:

<https://watchathon.xfinity.com/>

New Bill Format

Our customers have asked for an easier to understand bill, which is why we're redesigning the bill to be clearer and simpler. We're beginning the rollout to customers across New England this month. Please click on the link below for an overview on our New England blog site – and, as always, please reach out with any questions:

newengland.comcast.com/

Thank you and please feel free to reach out with any questions relating to this information.

Sincerely,

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SPEAKING OUT & LETTERS

From school concerts to Old Newgate Prison, Irene documented it all

To the Editor:

East Hartford lost an iconic figure with the loss of Irene Cone on November 7.

She was committed to the local public access TV station and became the face of East Hartford Community Television, originally Channel 26, then Channel 5.

To put professional, quality programs on air meant Irene had to wear many hats, including trainer of volunteers.

That's how I meant Irene. I volunteered for 25 years at the station.

Community access television volunteers learn how to do so many things: Playback, camera, setups, editing, and even producing programs. Irene was the glue for all that. She did scheduling, getting those on-site and field shoots.

First, she would have to get ready. Tour travel case contained camera, tripod, batteries (charged) electric cords, tape, and we all knew what the dime was for in the bottom of the bag - to unscrew the cam-

era from a tripod base. She was so dedicated that when her car was stolen, she replaced it with a van to transport the TV equipment for live shoots.

One of the first programs Irene produced was the history of the Newgate Prison where she did an interview. That told the full story of this historic prison. From that one program (one of my favorites) you could see she was a professional and would strive for perfection.

Maybe East Hartford Community Television's Chuck Treat could find it in the archives and replay it for viewers, in memory of Irene.

Looking back over the years, the memories of sitting behind the Town Council, Planning and Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Mayor Reports, Budget Meetings, school sports, programs, graduations, parades, election nights, political dinners, Pi Fund Raisers for Children, Women's Club Fashion Shows, Jr. Women's Club Spelling Bee, Riverfest, Podunk, Summer Music

To the Editor:

In response to the November 9th Gazette editorial "America is running out of innocent, small towns"

The suggestions recommended to help prevent extreme gun violence (support gun storage at police depart-

ments "serving no useful end, worthless, of no effect".

I disagree that there are only futile steps that we can take to curb extreme gun violence.

The article does not mention the word 'automatic' anywhere. But, isn't the crux of the matter



Irene Cone records the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Hartford in 2004.

Concerts, Christmas in East Hartford, Fall Festival, Ballroom Dancing, Book Readings for Kids, E.H. News, Phil Cone's Updates, Movie Reviews, and far more. All were recorded so residents could see their kids, neighbors,

local celebrities, plus coming events and birthdays celebrated on the cryptograms. Irene was proud of her home town. She was a member of HACTAC, a statutory advisory committee to Comcast, representing East Hartford under

a six-town contract. Several years ago, Community TV was granted two additional Channels #95, and #96 (PEG) for more programming.

There is a saying: "You are only as big as the world you are interested in." East Hartford was a big part of her world. The East Hartford Rotary Club recognized Irene Cone in making her a Paul Harris Fellow. It is one of the organizations highest honors.

At the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, an event she often recorded, no matter how cold or blustery the weather, Irene was ultimately made part of the parade, representing East Hartford as Grand Marshal.

Irene received many well deserved accolades. Her love for community could only be matched by her love of family. She was the matriarch. For those who got to know her, she left a giant impression, and will be forever missed.

Mayme W. Casady
Palm Coast, Florida
Former EH resident

Limit 'automatic' feature from weapons

HELP A NEIGHBOR IN NEED

With rising costs of heat and electricity in Connecticut, times are tough. Too many must choose between feeding their family or heating their home. There are programs in place to assist people, but many times they fall short or don't go far enough. In an attempt to assist residents with an emergency need, the Town of East Hartford has a Fuel Bank which is administered by the Health & Social Services