

Cable TV Advisory Council

Legislative Authority:

State: CGS 16-331, 331b, 331c, 331d.

Other Bylaws and/or Rules of Procedure: State Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) Regulations.

Geographic Responsibility:

The **Comcast** franchise area, which includes Groton, Stonington, North Stonington, Ledyard, and part of Voluntown.

History:**Powers and Duties:**

General: Responsible for advising the management of the cable television company upon such matters affecting the public.

Specific: Must file annual written report by August 1 with the DPUC concerning its activities for the 12 months preceding June 30. Must file annually on January 1 with the DPUC an accounting of any funding or services received by the Council. (CGS 16-331c)

Appointing Authority:

Town Council appoints 3 residents.

Board of Education appoints 1 resident.

Groton Public Library Board appoints 1 member.

Term of Office: 2-year staggered terms beginning July 1.

Membership:

Number: 16 total for franchise area.

Requirements: 3 Groton residents; plus 1 Groton resident appointed by the Board of Education; plus 1 member appointed by the Groton Public Library Board who is either a library board member or a professional library staff employee.

No member shall be an employee of a cable tv company. (CGS 16-331d)

Meeting Schedule and Location:

Bi-monthly; currently the second Thursday of January, March, May, September, and November.

Meetings are held at the Groton Public Library.

Staff: Self-staffing; the Chairman or Secretary currently provides reports and mailings.

Reports: Agendas and minutes on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Further information:

Funded \$2000 per year by Comcast to cover expenses of the Council. (CGS 16-331c)

The Council shall elect its own Chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary.

Members serve without compensation, including the receipt of any free or discounted cable tv service. (CGS 16-331b)

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