

## Transcription of North Branford Report: May 2005 CACSCC

This report follows reports for all other towns with Advisors present at the meeting.

Unlike the rest of the recording the North Branford and Comcast Reports were not very audible therefore this is an attempt to capture the discussion in print as authentically as possible.

Guest	Baby cries:
Huizenga:	And North Branford
Lappie:	Mary's going to give that Report.
Bigelow:	The reason I am on this committee (muffled) Annual Meeting was held and we had four people we put on to the Board of Directors We have the um Board of Education is on the Board of Directors. People who are members. Because we paid our dues. (muffled).
Lappie:	(concurrently) People who we know are members. Because we paid our dues..
Huizenga:	(muffled).who were members of North Branford?
Bigelow:	There are no forms. All you do is give them the money and that is it. (muffled) we don't know. It is a very slip shod organization (muffled) not professional. Who were public tv members 6-7 months. Never held a meeting.
Huizenga:	So who were the totoket public tvmembers;
Bigelow	(muffled) Board of Education because it is a necessity because the education (muffled). Dave DuFourney who is on there said that this was one area of weakness he felt that our local group (muffled)
Huizenga:	So at the next meeting you will have a written record of this meeting.
Lappie:	Yes we will have a copy. We knew, we have known for about 10 months that the Annual Meeting is in May and that was when the Board of Directors would be made <b>and we followed the by-laws</b>
Huizenga:	So the people who were appointed to the Board had attended enough meetings to become members according to the by-laws.
Lappie:	(Concurrently)I attend meetings.
Huizenga:	So there are no people at .
Bigelow:	Lets put it this way my husband and I have been trying to attend meetings for, I don't know, 6-7 months. They never hold a meeting. They have never held a meeting. We have sat there from 7-9 o'clock waiting to meet –nothing happens
Huizenga:	So there are no people at .
Bigelow:	Interrupt --There is just 'chat' 2 people.
Huizenga:	Just to cover yourself and Nancy and I we talked about this briefly is that, I want to be sure that you attempted to be at meetings according to their by laws in order to become eligible to become members. I know that attendance, or I think the by-laws are the same as in '93 which had something about members
Bigelow:	The question is, that we do not know if there are any members? They don't have a form to fill out. They keep telling us there is a form but they can't find it. Will start our own
Huizenga:	A lot of the organizations are not member organizations. There are pros and cons to doing that...but if the way they are established now is the same as '93

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	then they are a member organization..
Lappie:	I know from Mary's being on the counsel.that she believe's in ethics and following rules. Shes a good organizer. She is not on the Board of Directors. Shes been taking the notes from her husband because he will be nominated for secretary. But she is an excellent person to make sure that everything is followed by the rules from now on.
Huizenga:	So they did(Totoket TV) submit an Annual Report to the DPUC and the DPUC didn't say that there was anything that was out of order. They (Totoket TV) were late filing reports and I did follow up with. I think it was Sam is there anything (interrupt).
Lappie	I don't know what that encompasses. Is a financial type of report?
Huizenga	So the PEG Annual Report(interrupt).
Lappie	What does that encompass? What kind of things do you have to put on there?
Huizenga:	Programming schedule. Who your board of directors are. Your 1099 information. It's (interrupt).
Lappie	They have no minutes! You realize they have no minutes!
Huizenga:	I understand that
Lappie	(interrupt).Or no really Treasurer's report. But they will. We want that accountable
Huizenga:	So all I'm suggesting is that I know that they filed something and that is a starting point for you to get that filing so you can kind of bench mark some improvements.
Bigelow	That is something my husband and I keep questioning (interrupt).
Lappie:	I want to ask about money as a member because I paid my membership dues. how much money we have and I always got a run around. But now when I asked this time I got an answer.
Bigelow	We are gonna work on programming (Crunching noises) We are going to work on the bulletin board to get the old stuff off. New stuff on. We want stuff updates because we do have an audience.
Lappie:	We know they watch the Town Council. Its gonna be good.
Huizenga:	So there's essentially an attempt to reorganize the PEG which is part of town business. How about the Advisor business of, um... You seem to be concerned about education and last year we started asking for each of our Advisors to go out to the towns identify the schools that might want the internet upgrade or didn't have it and that kind of thing and that is still an open issue.
Lappie:	(interrupt) and you know .
Huizenga:	And its something that are not money and another open issue is whether or not they want to have Classic.Arts TV as part of their programming until they get a chance to build it or build it around whatever programming they have now. Again its free so I just. my concern is based on the feedback I'm hearing is that its all about the checkbook and not necessarily about the programming. So I just want to be sure that things that can be done without the checkbook getting involved is getting done as well
Lappie:	And you know I offered and on the other hand I , the Superintendent I was

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	asking him to send a representative tonight. I sent directions.and there is nobody. So you know they want it I'm gonna every month I'm going to give directions again and see what happens. That's all we can do. We can get somebody here and they represent education because according to our town by-laws say Anita Ward is still that person even though she hasn't been to a meeting forever (BABY CRIES)
Huizenga	She can't be that person because she hasn't been in attendance and according to State Statutes she is not eligible to be a member because she as not attended
Lappie:	Interrupt –so if she shows back up. She is no longer a member.
Huizenga	That is correct. Not unless she gets a new letter saying that she has been appointed. So right now Anita, she has nothing to do with
Lappie:	Interrupt –We're not going to see her anyway so aren't going to talk about it. But that is what our Town seems to think that she still.
Huizenga	So you can take our by laws that are on the Web site to establish that there is an attendance requirement. As soon as you are not here without notice you are no longer a member....
Lappie:	I will let that be known.
Huizenga	That's why we clerically try to get regrets and who hasn't given us notice because at this point of time Iris David is no longer eligible to be considering appointed because she hasn't identified her reasons for being absent for several months
Garafolo:	Is that the same thing with Billye?
Huizenga:	No. I think you mean Rob. He has called... he asked our indulgence because he is still in school....
Lappie:	You are not making it difficult as long as you have a viable excuse .... So if you just don't show up and show a total lack of interest..... oh that's fair
Huizenga:	From that perspective you've got that to work on. And you don't need an education person to work on the Internet activity. That can be done by you. There is more to do than getting the PEG in order. I understand that (muffled) Do we have any questions of North Branford because they are going through some thing and I think we need to understand it because this could come back that's why I want to be sure that there documenting it, they know what the policies are , that they are asking for the right things, that they know what documents are in the public trust already, that they should be able to get copies of. And in terms of the staff thing right now the staff is under the understanding that he does what the chairman of the board tells him, until there is a policy decision for that you can't really do anything differently.
Lappie:	That's right, that's right(muffled)
Bigelow:	But training is done by him.
Lappie:	But that was not necessarily the last couple, we are not talking about, that was not him
Bigelow:	But it was it was. No it was last year, there were people.(muffled) .
Huizenga	For the last two years they been building there inventory so at one point there wasn't equipment and that could have been the reason there was nothing to trained on.(muffled)

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Male voice:	They took a bunch of office equipment.
Huizenga	We have the records... We know exactly what North Branford had. I don't remember there being editing equipment. (muffled) Have they ever been broken. That may be why.
Huizenga	If you wanted to know what the inventory was from ATT because we have that one.
Male voice:s	The inventory to the station.is a DPUC requirement..
Huizenga	Right... yup ... Right
Male voice:	The inventory was submitted with the DPUC Report
Lappie	The Bylaws were with it to because we wanted a copy and they pulled it out so.
Huizenga	So they have submitted a report to the DPUC and the DPUC has inventory records
Lappie	So the inventory that Mary is looking for is already been done attached there. Al right.
Huizenga	The inventory was part of that. The inventory of what came from ATT is a different inventory. That is when the dissolution happened. So are you interested in what they got then.
Lappie	Right.
Huizenga	We have gone through all the towns and now we have Officer Reports