



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee			
Date	June 15, 2017	Location	John W. Olver Transit Center 12 Olive St Greenfield, MA 1 st Floor Meeting Room
Time	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Duration	2 Hours
		Facilitators	Walter Tibbetts
		Meeting Cancellation Notice	413-774-3167 x153

Agenda Items	Action/Motion
1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions	Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Bruce Beliveau, Joe Cuneo, Bob Dean, Dana Johnson, Bill Perlman, Kurt Seaman, Walter Tibbetts, Murray Hill, and Herb Guyette.
2. Review/approval of May 18, 2017 meeting minutes	Motion: Kurt Seaman motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on May 18, 2017. Bill Perlman seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
3. Chairman’s Report	It was reported that based on a letter from Beltronics they would not like to continue work on special projects outside of their current contract for emergency and maintenance repair. It was reported from Murray Hill that working with them on contracted work has been good. Murray Hill recommended that due to the amount of projects going on in the system that we table the antenna replacement project until the GPS unit replacement project and Erving panel antenna replacement project have been completed and had time to set. Discussion on how we should move forward with projects in the future. The discussion centered on going out to bid or using State contract for each project. For the system wide replacement project Bruce Beliveau will reach out to CDCG on behalf of the FCECS to see if they would be interested in quoting a price to complete the engineering and write a scope of work.
4. Radio System Manager Update	Erving Panel Antenna Replacement – Parts should be here by the last week of June. The second part of this project has Beltronics working on combiner information and cable replacement. GPS Unit Replacement Project - Murray is working to complete the GPS project by the end of this month. Green Mountain is working to get a price to replace the A/C unit at Adams Hill. There are three non system effecting failures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battery replacement needs to take place on the alarm system at Mt. Grace • Adams Hill’s repeater is in alarm • Borden Mt. there is a high temp alarm on samlex that charges the batteries.
5. 800MHz System Project Update	A meeting will be held in Boston between EOPSS the FRCOG and State Legislatures representing Franklin County. The meeting’s agenda is to begin a way forward for Franklin County to join the Commonwealth System if the results form system testing is favorable.
6. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. GPS Replacement Project b. System-wide Antenna Replace- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. GPS Unit Replacement Project - Murray is working to complete the GPS project by the end of this month. b. Erving Panel Antenna Replacement – Parts should be here by the last week of

<p>ment Project - Including Erving Project Included</p>	<p>June.</p>
<p>7. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Capital Improvement Plan – Power Supplies b. CMED Update – Cost to Re-program c. Ashfield/Buckland paging problem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. This issue was tabled for this meeting with no discussion. b. A lengthy discussion took place on this topic with the Committee asking that more investigation be done with the link on Mt. Tom before the FCECS will commit funds to change frequencies at Shelburne Mt. c. Murray Hill reported the tones have been unstacked and it has been working. There is a problem along RT112 in the Apple Valley region for both radios and pagers. Discussion on what might be the cause of the paging issues. One solution would be to move the Apple Valley repeater to the transfer station and use it to repeat pager tones. Another solution might be to address the issue by changing the antenna at Buckland Tower to an omni type. Walter Tibbetts asked if we can do the antenna replacement on Buckland Tower first that would be the first option. Murray is to see if Butch tested Ashfield off the Buckland regional only.
<p>8. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>9. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p>Kurt Seaman made a motion to adjourn with Butch Garrity seconding it. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:15p.m</p>