



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee					
<b>Date</b>	November 14, 2016	<b>Location</b>	John W. Olver Transit Center 12 Olive St Greenfield, MA Room 221	<b>Facilitators</b>	Walter Tibbetts
<b>Time</b>	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Duration</b>	2 Hours	<b>Meeting Cancellation Notice</b>	413-774-3167 x153

Agenda Items	Action/Motion
1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions	<b>Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.</b> In attendance were Bruce Beliveau, Joseph Cuneo, Dana Jonson, Dan Nietzsche, John Paciorek, Bill Perlman, Kurt Seaman, Walter Tibbetts, Craig Gagne, Lee Lemoine
2. Review/approval of October 20, 2016 meeting minutes	<b>Motion: Bill Perlman motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Dana Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.</b>
3. Chairman's Report	Walter Tibbetts reported he received the spare equipment from the Shelburne to Borden microwave link from Gary Cromack. The equipment is going to Shelburne Mountain for storage.
4. Radio System Manager	<p>As of the meeting there has been no call to Beltronics for repairs to the system.</p> <p>Bruce Beliveau gave a report on the on the Montague Project. The poor reception issue is caused by a bad Gates Air card. The card is under warrantee and a replacement will be installed at Shelburne Mt.</p> <p>Generator maintenance starts on 11/15/16 until all units have been serviced.</p> <p>Joe Cuneo reports that radio reception in New Salem, Wendell is really awful and has not been improving. Walter Tibbetts played a recording of common reception and reports that the problem seemed to be spreading in its location. A discussion was had about the possibility of destructive interference being the issue. It seems the day Plainfield site was brought online seemed to coincide with the destructive interference in east county. A long conversation about the merits of replacing the current antennas with ones that are not able to project quite as far would help the system.</p> <p>A discussion was had about the end of life date for the GPS receivers. The group thought that the GPS receiver located at Shelburne Mt. was well past its useful date. Kurt Seaman made a motion to replace the GPS receiver in Shelburne with one of the three purchased last fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Bill Perlman. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Beltronics will replace the GPS receiver at Shelburne Mt.</p>

	<p>The group is looking to go to the WMRIC/WMHSAC for funding to replace equipment in the system which is coming to the end of its serviceable life. HMS for 10 GPD and installation on 8 of them. The cost will be \$75,000. Bruce will give Bill numbers to go to the FRCOG Finance committee for replacement of antennas.</p>
<p>5. Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Royalston Tower Ownership Discussion</li> <li>b. FCECS Added Coverage Update</li> <li>c. Erving Shelter Discussion</li> <li>d. Future of the FCECS Radio System</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Tabled</li> <li>b. The group as a whole was briefed about the estimate that needs to be revised due to the equipment being specified was not P25 compliant.</li> <li>c. Bruce advised that the FCECS might want to look at moving the equipment at Erving to the Orange tower. This might reduce destructive interference which is affecting East County into Gill. Before this can be decided upon a motion was made by Walter Tibbetts to have Beltronics perform modeling of the proposed changes. Bill Perlman seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.</li> <li>d. Much of this topic was discussed during the Radio System Manager update. In addition to what was written above, to prepare for the possibility of funding for the FCECS joining the Massachusetts State Police 800 system a motion was made by John Paciorek to send out a survey which would ask Chiefs to describe their need for portable and mobile radios and pagers. Bill Perlman seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.</li> </ul>
<p>6. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Opportunity to place equipment on a tower in Brattleboro</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Blue Sky Towers sent a letter informing the group that they had open space on a tower in Brattleboro Vt. The group decided the tower was too far away to be of any use.</li> </ul>
<p>7. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	
<p>8. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p><b>Bill Perlman made a motion to adjourn with Dana Johnson seconding it. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjured at 11:55 AM.</b></p>