



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

<i>Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee</i>			
Date	November 15, 2018	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 Joe Cuneo, Bob Dean, Butch Garrity, Dana Johnson, Dan Nietzsche, Bill Perlman, Kurt Seaman, Walter Tibbetts
2. Review/approval of October 18, 2018 meeting minutes	Motion: Bill Perlman motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on October 18, 2018. Dana Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
3. Chairman's Report	Nothing to report
4. Radio System Manager Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update on RSM Replacement b. New Salem Tower Issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A discussion was had about the status of finding a permanent radio system manager. After much deliberation, Dana Johnson made a motion to recommend to the FRCOG to hire Kurt Seaman for the position of radio system manager. Butch Garrity seconded the motion. The motion passed with a simple majority vote. Kurt Seaman and Bill Perlman abstained from the vote. b. Beltronics proposed a solution to the tower sway we are experiencing. They propose to lower the antenna on the tower. Because this is a microwave antenna this project will need to be preceded by a line of sight study and conversations with the FCC to determine if relicensing will need to take place. The current configuration has a signal being sent from Shelburne Control to a tower in New Braintree. The signal is then repeated out of New Braintree and is repeated again by the New Salem Tower. A permanent solution for this problem still needs to be found. This could include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlicensed microwave link Using another tower to fill gaps
5. Public Safety Partner Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. FC Fire Chiefs Association b. FC Police Chiefs Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nothing to report b. Nothing to report

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. FC EMS Committee d. Shelburne Control e. FC Sheriff's Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. EMS reported that AMR will be replacing Medicare ambulance service starting immediately d. Nothing to report e. Nothing to report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. 800MHz System Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kenwood Radio Testing 	<p>Dan Nietsche reported the radios are still available for testing.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plainfield Antenna Replacement Project 	<p>It has been reported that there is no noticeable improvement in the system after this project.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Internet Connectivity/Remote Monitoring Proposal 	<p>Beltronics presented a proposal to Dan Nietsche for adding remote monitoring capabilities. After discussion the committee decided not to pursue this project at this time.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting 	<p>None</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Wrap up and adjourn 	<p>Bill Perlman made a motion to adjourn. Kurt Seaman seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:00PM.</p>