



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

<i>Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee</i>			
<b>Date</b>	September 26, 2018	<b>Location</b>	John W. Olver Transit Center 12 Olive St Greenfield, MA 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room
<b>Time</b>	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Duration</b>	2 Hours
		<b>Facilitators</b>	Walter Tibbetts
		<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 Joe Camden, Joe Cuneo, Bob Dean, Murray Hill, Dana Johnson, Dan Nietzsche, John Paciorek, Kurt Seaman, Walter Tibbetts
2. Review/approval of August 16, 2018 and September 4, 2018 meeting minutes	<b>Motion: Joe Cuneo motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on July 12, 2018. Joe Camden seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.</b>
3. Chairman’s Report	Walter Tibbetts reported that he gave an update on the current status of the FCECS system and how the process to a new system is developing at the last WMRIC meeting. Walter also reported on the Poets Seat lightning strike.
4. Radio System Manager Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The antenna replacement project at Plainfield tower is expected to start on 9/27/18. The work is expected to be completed on 9/28/18.</li> <li>b. A discussion about the lightning strike at Poet’s Seat was had. The Committee has not heard of any issues coming from Montague. Nor has Montague reported on their testing of the options presented to them. Dan Nietzsche will follow up with Montague PD. The Committee had a discussion about what needs to happen if they want to use Shelburne 1 or 2 as their primary communication channel. If they were to request the use of a regional channel the group decided Montague would need to work with the Committee and Shelburne Control prior to moving to those channels.</li> </ul>
5. 800MHz System Project	Up until recently EOPSS has not been able to convey to FRCOG or the FCECS information regarding scope of work, cost, and schedule for the state-wide project. This is due to funding for the project being tied to a

	<p>proposed increase in the 911 telecommunication surcharge. On July 9th the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable (DTC) voted to allow the increase to the 911 surcharge. Immediately following that decision the telecommunication vendors lodged a formal appeal. That appeal has since been denied by the DTC. After the denial the vendors had twenty days to appeal to a higher court. The twenty days passed as of September 25th without the vendors appealing DTC's decision to deny their appeal. The completion of these proceedings clears the way for full funding of the state-wide upgrade. Next steps for this project are for EOPSS to release a notice of intent and then the full RFP for the engineering study. The RFP is expected to be advertised the mid October. With the funding for the state-wide project now set FRCOG and FCECS will be meeting with EOPSS to have them answer the questions the County needs in order to make an informed decision.</p> <p>A discussion was had about how to perform rumor control for this project. It was reported that many people are hearing different versions on topics relating to schedule, capacity, and cost. The group decided that all questions should be routed up to EOPSS via Dan Nietzsche.</p> <p>The group then went on to plan for a meeting to determine roll out procedures. Dan Nietzsche will send out a Doodle Poll for that meeting.</p>
<p>6. Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Alarm System Maintenance</li> <li>b. Poets Seat Lightning Strike</li> <li>c. Plainfield Tower</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Kurt Seaman reported that Easton Electronics is finishing software updates. All other parts of the scope of work have been accomplished. The workstation at Shelburne, which is part of the alarm system, will be disconnected from the internet. After that is complete the workstation will be coming out of use and will be stored as a spare.</li> <li>b. This was discussed during the radio system manager update.</li> <li>c. This was discussed during the radio system manager update.</li> </ul>
<p>7. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Vote on Radio System Manager Contract</li> <li>b. Great Hill/GPD microwave link</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No vendors bid on the Radio System Manager RFP. As of October 1, the FRCOG will be handling radio system manager duties until a more permanent solution can be determined.</li> <li>b. It seems the microwave at a higher level than required. This will reduce the longevity of the microwave equipment. Beltronics will be called to investigate the issue and report back on the findings.</li> </ul>
<p>8. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>9. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p><b>Kurt Seaman made a motion to adjourn. Joe Camden seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:45AM.</b></p>