



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

<i>Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee</i>			
Date	February 21, 2019	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 January 20, 2019 meeting minutes	Motion: Bill Perlman motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on January 20, 2019. Joe Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
3. Chairman's Report	Chair gave the following report from the last WMIRC meeting. He gave an update on where we were and how the meeting on the 31st went regarding the possible migration to CoMIRS. That the general consensus of the towns was that the State has not provided enough information for them to feel comfortable making a decision at that meeting. Walter updated WMIRC on what our plans are moving forward and where we are looking at financing in case that is needed. There was a discussion about interoperability if we were to move to the 800Mhz as it is a known problem. The State is redoing the MIFOG. The biggest issue at the WMIRC meeting was the use of the national tac channels.
4. Radio System Manager Update	AMR is running an unlicensed radio out of the shelter on Shelburne. Emailed WMASS manager and then had National Communications manager on phone. He was to make contact with FCC Region 1. AMR is working on that. Kurt said we need to figure out their license on what they are operating on. The issue at Leyden tower is not fixed. Aviat told Beltronics that the fix should be seamless but that was not the way it ended up being. Beltronics went back to Aviat for a solution. Beltronics ordered two more IP routers which should solve the problem. Kurt will be traveling to Royalston tomorrow. Kurt will get a radio box working for the generator and door alarm. Erving Radio box – the antenna is listed on the PMs as being bad. Antenna to be replaced. PMs are scheduled to start May 28th.

	<p>New Salem – Ran preliminary microwave paths. If you relay through Royalston you can get it back to New Salem. Walter asks if we should do a climb to check the alignment and to be sure everything is installed correctly. The estimated cost to establish the alternative link is about \$100K. Joe Cuneo asks that maybe we should see how much it would cost to verify the installation and to see how much to see deflection there is in the tower. Joe made a motion was made to climb the towers and check deflection and equipment installation including alignment with a not to exceed amount of \$6,000. The motion was seconded by John Paciorek. The motion passed by unanimous vote.</p>
<p>5. Public Safety Partner Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fire Chief Association b. Police Chief Association c. Franklin County EMS Committee d. Shelburne Control e. Franklin County Sheriff's Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The group is still undecided on which option would best serve the fire departments. b. No apprehension with migrating to the CoMIRS. c. Nothing to report d. Shelburne Control received new consoles in the second half of December. People who receive tones should be getting clearer tones and voice. e. Nothing to report
<p>6. 800MHz System Project</p>	<p>A discussion about the meeting on January 31st was had. Committee members are being requested to gather radio inventories from the groups they represent.</p>
<p>7. Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Leyden Tower 	<p>Discussed in the Radio System Manager section.</p>
<p>8. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agreement with AMR 	<p>We will be modifying the MOU we had with Medicare/BHA to bring AMR onto the system and allow them space at Shelburne Mountain.</p>
<p>9. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>10. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p>John Paciorek made a motion to adjourn. Joe Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:00PM.</p>