



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

<i>Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee</i>			
Date	June 20, 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, Mark Williams,
2. Review/approval of May 23, 2019 meeting minutes	Motion: Bill Perlman motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on May 23, 2019. Joe Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
3. Chairman's Report	Walter Tibbetts reported on the discussion and his update at the last WMRIC Committee meeting. He spoke about recent issues with the FCECS and new developments with the possible migration to the CoMIRS. Walter reported that a discussion was had about FirstNet in Massachusetts. The Committee discussed how AT&T representatives are reaching out to departments.
4. Radio System Manager Update a. New Salem – Mt. Grace Link b. Preventative Maintenance	a. Kurt reported that there were numerous issues with the equipment at both the New Salem and Mt. Grace sites. At New Salem the microwave antenna is mounted on a pole that extends about six feet off the main tower. This configuration is not something that is normally done and exacerbates the swaying of the antenna. At Mt. Grace the climbers encountered loose mounts. They were able to tighten the mounts. They also observed that a guy wire was placed right in front of the antenna which reduces the quality of the link. The climbers were able to improve the link between the two sites. A report will follow. b. Kurt reported that the preventative maintenance visits are ongoing. That they have used up all the batteries that they bought for the first round. Walter told Kurt to have Beltronics order the batteries. A discussion was had about the issue of the batteries not being changed out on a regular schedule.
5. Public Safety Partner Updates a. Fire Chief Association	a. The Franklin County Fire Chiefs Association will be sending a letter to the FCECS Oversight Committee that will include a list of

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Police Chief Association c. Franklin County EMS Committee d. Shelburne Control e. Franklin County Sheriff's Office 	<p>questions and concerns they have as the migration project continues. The letter should not be taken as a list of demands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Nothing to report c. Nothing to report d. Nothing to report e. Nothing to report
<p>6. 800MHz System Project</p>	<p>As of the meeting there was no new information from EOTSS. Next steps include getting additional information to EOTSS about the FCECS, scheduling a meeting with them, and then putting together a county-wide meeting in which EOTSS will attend.</p>
<p>7. Old Business</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>8. New Business</p>	<p>None</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>Bill Perlman made a motion to adjourn. Joe Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.</p>