

Communications Commission
Special Meeting
December 5, 2013

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DATE: 12/9/13
TIME: 3:45pm
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Seymour Police Conference Room

Members Attending: Tom Eighmie, Paul Halushak, Kyle Kelly
Not Attending: Tom Jensen, Bill Jarvis

Meeting Called to Order @ 15:15 hrs by Chairman Eighmie

Pledge of Allegiance

Re-alignment of Police Transmitters

Eighmie presented the current situation between both transmitter sites and the PD not able to contact cars on the RT 34 corridor if there is no activity initiated from that location. The Police are no longer willing to be patient with this problem and new avenues must be explored while we wait for capital money to move to the next phase. The Oxford tower site needs to be the "default" transmitter with the additional receiver located at Citizens added to the Oxford site. Halushak stated this is a known factor but we did do testing recently and instructed the vendor to make changes in the system. Also where is the status of the downtown receiver (phone line installed a year ago this month); Eighmie stated is installed waiting for vendor to bring in another shop for the alignment process of the JPS voter. Kelly stated we have waited too long, too many emails requesting this work be completed and it's time to look towards a new vendor whom is responsive to the Town of Seymour.

Discussion of Change of Radio Vendors

Halushak informed everyone on the information he had gathered as he was dealing with the State E911 system and other changes that need to be made to our programming of the PD console. Kelly requested we look into Northeastern Communications to evaluate our console programming and request Motorola to allow this to occur.

Motion by Kelly, 2nd by Halushak to seek out Northeastern Communications to take over Motorola work for the Town.

Vote 3-0 in favor.

Discussion of Tower Proposal

Eighmie informed every one of the AT&T proposal of removing our current tower (installed 1985) located at 140 Botsford Rd and replacing it with a 165' monopole tower with a crow's nest to accommodate AT&T equipment and installing the town's equipment back at the same height. Also once construction is completed, the tower is turned back over to the town and the town will receive \$1,500 a month in rent from AT&T. Tower will be designed for only one carrier plus the five municipal antennas. Discussion on cost factors and benefit gained; also we will look to move equipment out of the firehouse and place into cabinet by tower, eliminating the coax run above the gazebo.

Motion by Halushak, 2nd by Kelly to send a letter to the First Selectman in support of the AT&T proposal as a benefit to the Town. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Discussion of Capital request for Simulcast System

Eighmie brought up the availability of fiber line off the state E911 system to tie into transmitter site needs. Thanks to Halushak with assistance from J. Matosovich we can move forward on this project. Eighmie requests to place the simulcast system (\$250,000 in equipment & \$20,000 in labor costs) for this year's capital project and table the microwave system to a later date.

Motion by Halushak, 2nd by Kelly
Vote 3-0 in favor

Motion to Adjourn 1610 hrs by Kelly, 2nd by Halushak
Vote 3-0 in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J Eighmie 
Chairman