

Town Wide Radio System Committee
Thursday November 5, 2015
WF Palmer Firehouse
7:00 PM
Draft Minutes

Committee Members Present: Craig Mansfield, Bob Bennet, Joe Szezech, Brian Auld, Kevin Cavallo, Emmett Lyman, Bruce Dutch

Others present: David Moffet

Meeting called to order at 7:15 by Chairman Craig Mansfield

1. Approval of minutes from August 5, 2015

It was noted that Kevin Cavallo was present and the minutes were so amended.

A motion to approve the minutes, as amended, was made by Bob Bennet and seconded by Brian Auld. A unanimous vote to approve followed.

2. Election of a secretary

A motion to appoint Emmett Lyman, as Secretary, was made by Bob Bennet and seconded by Bruce Dutch. A unanimous vote to approve followed.

3. Mt Parnassus Project Update

Craig reported that the State is moving forward with the tower. He expects that a site walk will occur mid December and construction will commence in January. The new neighbor is a radio buff and has no problem with its being so close. Discussion continued concerning the available frequencies. David met with George, concerns remain concerning frequency patterns, power limits and how service might be improved. The need for omnidirectional frequencies was discussed as well as a simulcast system. Potential sites for such a system were reviewed. We're coming into the game late; rules are tougher and options fewer. Partnering was discussed. Valley Shore opportunities remain an issue. In any case the Mt Parnassus site is not fully adequate.

We now need to acquire a sense of where we are. David will meet with Matt and Joe and David will continue to move forward.

Joe raised the question of certain frequencies over which David has control and asked if they might help us. David indicated that they were no longer being actively used and might be part of an answer for us.

The need for an extension on the proposed tower (of 60 feet) was discussed. Without the extension the tower is more limited in its usefulness. The question of who should install the extension, and pay for it, was raised. Regardless of who pays the State will control its usage.

4. Next Meeting:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 17,

5. Bills:

An invoice for \$10,507.64 from Tactical Communication was presented. Bruce Dutch made a motion to pay the bill, seconded by Brian Auld. A unanimous vote to approve followed.

6. Ambulance Issue:

Kevin Cavallo raised the question of new pagers for the Ambulance staff. David advised him to remain with the 4618s.

7. Adjournment:

At 8:15 Motion to Adjournment by Kevin Cavallo, seconded by Bob Bennet.