

Town Wide Radio System Committee

Thursday December 17, 2015

WF Palmer Firehouse

7:00 PM

Draft Minutes

Committee Members Present: Craig Mansfield, Bob Bennet, Joe Szezech, Kevin Cavallo, Emmett Lyman

Meeting called to order at 7PM by Chairman Craig Mansfield

1. Approval of minutes from November 5, 2015

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bob Bennet and seconded by Kevin Cavallo. A unanimous vote to approve followed.

2. Mt Parnassus Project Update

Craig reported that the State is moving forward, the bid will be awarded on December 18th, and the site has been marked, construction should be under way soon.

3. Frequency filing update

We filed in August of 2013 for our frequencies; the rules have changed since then. The FCC no longer requires the same level of protection; Omni directional antennas are now possible. This coupled with power increases may improve our system. As a latecomer we still face significant power restrictions, which earlier users don't need to comply with.

4. Project update:

The line of sight from our Middle School to the Mt Parnassus is not as good as hoped for; a higher antenna will be needed. Linking to Goose Hill and riding the State Police link back to Mt Parnassus was discussed. Use of the Buckley Hill antenna, if the State acquires it, might help.

A frequency reject letter, from the Public Safety Department, was received. We will request reconsideration.

Various mixes of antennas and power were discussed as well as using Valley Shore as a partner. David will continue to test and evaluate our options.

5. Next Meeting:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 21, 2016

6. Adjournment:

At 7:52 Motion to Adjournment by Bob Bennet, seconded by Joe Szezech