

Emergency Management-
Radio Sub-Committee Meeting
July 26, 2012 – 7 PM
Town Street Fire House

Committee Members Present: Jiffy Spencer / Joe Szczech, Dean Anderson, Kevin Cavallo, Emmett Lyman, Bruce Dutch, Rich Toolan, Bob Bennett

Others Present: Tactical Communications: David Moffat
RMF Consulting: George Carbonell

Meeting called to order at 6:40PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Emmett Lyman, seconded by Rich Toolan to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2012 meeting as written. Motion passed.

RADIO FREQ COORDINATION DISCUSSION:

David and George gave us an update:

BOE and Amb have channels suitable for them that are considered “clean”

Public Safety- 2 possible channels- they need to be pieced together to get the town covered, May need to transmit at low wattage—5 watts would also mean more sites up to 6 and that could become too complex.

They feel they are good so far with business solutions- there are some holes on the edges of town that we need to look at – they may not even have any homes on them – but if fire happened in the areas it could be of concern need to determine “what we can live with and live without”.

We need to decide between fixed site vs mobile – for PW there is one good one and it should work since they are mostly mobile anyway. They have lots of questions for us but are not ready to discuss them yet.

Joe notes what about buying an existing freq that is already protected

GOAL- Check on coverage from Colchester to cover with protected frequencies- 2 business freq. Dave will contact Jim Ventres for topographical maps

GOAL- On Public Safety side meet in 2 weeks –they will have maps with prospects and will develop a solution for coverage .May be possible to use a directional antenna@ River House –aim north using low watts- (5-10) and cover the river area that now isn't covered. They will come with questions – many related to what we need and what we don't need.

They will evaluate Joe's idea – consider the financial side I buy a channel-no equipment to buy – no rent to pay will have coordination fee but protected channels- is it worth it.

Estimate \$5,000/ channel - would we stay on KX tower –but be under them—may not be able to change and go to Valley Shore

They will look at different sites that are owned by the town—Shegrue property – Co#3 – consumers Union weather tower and the Middle School.

George was asked if he still remains within budget- noted he is well within budget

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting August 9th at 6:30pm at Company #1 Firehouse on Town Street.

Motion to adjourn by Rich Toolan, second by Joe Szczech. Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm

Minutes submitted

Jiffy Spencer

Deputy Emergency Management Director