



Southeastern Massachusetts

Regional 911 District

OPEN SESSION

19MAR2018

Minutes of the Southeastern Massachusetts Regional 911 Emergency Communications District Board of Directors held at the Mansfield Town Hall of 19 March 2018 at 1200 hours.

Present:

District: William Keegan, Chair; Mike Yunits; Connor Read; Kevin Dumas; Robert Verdone, Executive Director.

Guests: James Puleo; Ronald Sellon; Frank Archer; Mary Beth Bernard; Brian Clark; Paul Schleicher; Garry Sullivan; Roger Hatfield; Keith Boone; Richard Parker; Peter Wiggins.

Meeting called to order at 1206 by Mr. Keegan, Chair.

Mr. Keegan welcomed all and thanked Mr. Dumas and the Town of Mansfield for hosting and providing lunch. Mr. Keegan notified all that there was food available and this is a working lunch meeting.

Executive Director Verdone explained that a permanent building committee is not required but adopting local designer selection policies are. Verdone proposed the District adopt a designer selection procedure modeled after the OIG's model policy and appoint himself as the designated individual to select a designer while a committee is identified. This would facilitate the ability to start the OPM recruitment process.

A motion was made by Mr. Dumas and seconded by Mr. Read to appoint Director Verdone as the designated individual for the purposes of the building committee.

Motion carried by a vote of 4 yea, 0 ney, 0 abstain.

A motion was made by Mr. Dumas and seconded by Mr. Yunits to adopt a designer selection procedure modeled after the states model policy.

Motion carried by a vote of 4 yea, 0 ney, 0 abstain.

No old business offered.

New business: Mr. Yunits discussed the recent loss of 2 dispatchers in Norton. Mr. Keegan and Mr. Read





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discussed success in recently hiring 2 new dispatchers each. A discussion regarding a large highly qualified candidate pool was discussed. Further discussion regarding employee statuses was tabled for executive session.

Minute: The following actions were taken after review and without substantial deliberation:

Mr. Dumas moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held 25 JAN 2018 in open session. Seconded by Mr. Yunits.

Motion carried by a vote of 4 yea, 0 ney, 0 abstain.

Mr. Dumas moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held 2 FEB 2018 in open session. Seconded by Mr. Read.

Motion carried by a vote of 4 yea, 0 ney, 0 abstain.

Mr. Read moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held 2 FEB 2018 in executive session but not release the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Yunits.

Motion carried by a vote of 4 yea, 0 ney, 0 abstain.

Director Verdone provided an update to the group regarding the inspection at the High Rock site. Physical on-site inspections have been completed by the Structural, Electrical, Environmental and Civil Engineers as well as the Roof inspector. Conditions reports are due 26 MAR 2018 from several engineers. The draft report is due 30 MAR 2018 and a Draft opinion of cost is due 5 Apr 2018. All conditions reported back as expected or better.

The Director appeared before the Mansfield Board of Selectmen to provide an update. The presentation went well. Verdone thanked Mr. Dumas as well as the Police and Fire Chiefs.

Mr. Keegan recommended that an update be presented to all boards of selectmen either in joint session or at individual meetings. The consensus was that this was desirable to all board members but would be best served after the final High Rock report.

Director Verdone provided an update on a recent federal law that was passed that requires any phone that dials 9-1-1 to be connected to PSAP. In light of this recent law, Stonehill and Wheaton Colleges were notified by the State 9-1-1 department that they are required to comply with this regulation. Their dispatch centers are not PSAPs and 9-1-1 call cannot be rerouted to them. This will likely result in a modest increase in call volume to the District communities.





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Mr. Keegan asked if this issue would affect the district funding. Director Verdone explained that our grant funding is based on call volume and population. Therefore any increase in call volume should result in an increase in funding. However, this formula can and often is modified by the State 911 Commission or Dept. to level-fund communities.

A motion was made by Mr. Read to enter Executive Session for the purposes of discussing procurement of real-estate, Discussion of negotiations with union members and the discussion of security devices and strategies which the chair declared on all issues to have a detrimental effect on the district if discussed in open session. The board does not anticipate returning to open session. Seconded by Mr. Dumas.

Motion Carried by a roll call vote: Read- yea; Dumas – yea; Yunits- yea; Keegan – yea.

Mr. Keegan invited all Police and fire chief officers and town executive staff to join the executive session to lend their advice. Unanimous consent granted by the board members.

Mr. Keegan thanked all who attended and recessed the meeting to executive session.

