



Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Emergency Communication Center

50 West Street, Mansfield, MA 02048

Meeting Minutes of the Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Emergency Communications Center Committee

2 October 2107, 1500. Easton Town Hall

Members Present:

Bill Keegan, Chairman

Mike Yunits, Norton

John Stanbrook, Mansfield

Connor Read, Easton

Sub-Committee: Mike Grace, Brian Clark, Jason Robbins, Keith Boone, Jim Puleo, Neal Boldrighini, Kevin Partridge, Marybeth Bernard, Roger Hatfield, Mike Kelleher, Gary Sullivan, Ron Sellon,

Foxborough Resident: Dick Heydecker,

Chairman Keegan opened the meeting at 1515 hours.

1. **Grant Update:** Chairman Keegan reported that SEMRECC has received the grant for \$1.5+ million dollars with detailed areas that we may spend in. While the grant isn't for the full amount requested by SEMRECC Mr. Keegan feels confident that 911 is committed to our project and we will be fully funded in phases over a period of 3-4 years. Deputy Kelleher and Mr. Keegan met with State 911 Representatives and discussed the parameters of the funding. Both went away from the meeting feeling State 911 holds the project in high regard. They did not think that any of the issues that were raised were insurmountable and we will be moving forward. Challenges are: Certain benefits will not be covered by the grant i.e. pension, health insurance and relocation costs for Mansfield Police. Foxboro has agreed to be the fiduciary and they have temporary office space in in the new Foxborough Town Hall to house the new Executive Director of SEMRECC.

Mr. Keegan also mentioned that an alternative location for the SEMRECC Headquarters has been discovered in Foxborough. The building is a former American Telephone Company building that served as communications relay station back in the 1960's and 1970's. Deputy Chief Kelleher has had some preliminary discussions with the Company who owns and they have indicated that they may be willing to offer the building to the District as a donation. Some discussion ensued about this option. Following the discussion it was the general consensus that more information was needed and that District should evaluate the option further to determine its viability. More information will be provided at a future meeting. For now, it was the consensus of the District to stay on the current path of pursuing the Mansfield Police Department as the future site of the SEMRECC Headquarters until further information is available for viable consideration of an alternative site.



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2. SEMRECC Director Update: Executive interview was held with a finalist. The Director Search committee, offered Robert Verdone, current Deputy Director of Emergency Communications in the City of Chelsea as a finalist. Mr. Verdone was interviewed by the Board of Directors and found suitable for the position. Motion Keegan, second by Yunits to extend a conditional offer of employment for the SEMRECC Executive Director to Mr. Verdone. Motion carried 4-0. The BoD will have an executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations with Mr. Verdone later next week.
3. Construction Process: Greg Joynt of KBA was unable to attend today's meeting. Chairman Keegan requested Deputy Chief Puleo to set up a meeting with KBA and the BoD to discuss plans and design for the new SEMRECC Headquarters.
4. Timeline: The timeline for applying for the next grant is expected to be March of 2018. The new Executive Director will be coordinating this process. Mr. Keegan requested that the "working group" meet with the Director when hired to fully brief him on the progress to date and to help establish a more definitive timeline for getting SEMRECC operational. Mr. Read will set up a meeting to help set priorities and action items for the Board ahead of the executive session that was mentioned earlier.
5. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 8 May 2017 meeting were approved on a motion to approve as written by Connor Read, Seconded by John Stanbrook; passed 3-0-1 (Yunits abstained). Minutes from the 5 June 2017 meeting were acted on. Motion to approve as written Mike Yunits, seconded by Connor Read; passed 4-0.
6. Next Meeting: The Board of Directors will meet next week (10 October 2017 at 1600 Foxboro Town Hall). This will be an executive session meeting to discuss the terms and conditions of employment for the new Executive Director.
7. New Business: Request to offer a letter from the SEMRECC Board to Firefighter Glenn Corbett for his service to the working group and SEMRECC. Glenn has retired but offered to stay on voluntarily as a civilian to fruition. Motion by Read, second by Yunits the Motion carried 4-0.

Move to adjourn by Stanbrook, second by Yunits; meeting adjourned by a vote of 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1630 hours.