

D7 Radio Committee Meeting Oxford Fire Department September 14, 2017

*Meeting called to order at 16:04 hours by Chairman Hamilton
5 members present (Hamilton, DiFronzo, Wilson, Maynard, Liard)
0 guests present:*

Secretary report: Sent electronically. Motion to accept by Maynard 2nd by Wilson

Treasury report: Radio Committee account is \$9,799.26 (which includes the \$2,500 donation for computers for FC-2)

Radio Status:

Southbridge Fire and link – OK
Charlton Tower- OK
Radio Tests- Most communities are compliant

Old Business

- Strike team drill: We were waiting for Worcester's new Special Operations Chief to get settled in. The drill was discussed with Deputy Chief Dwyer, as its slated to be a Worcester Tanker Strike Team drill. Special Ops Chief Fleischer is ready for the drill. It is scheduled for October 7th. A notice will be sent to the district with details.

New Business

- Discussion on the assignments for the 4 APX-7500 dual band radios that belong to the district.
Motion: DiFronzo seconded Maynard: to install a second one in FC-2 and install 2 in FC-1; Unanimous
- Update on FC-2 radio upgrade by Chief DiFronzo: All radios are done except the programming of the 800 MHz frequencies. Paul Shea has been a tremendous help and will complete the programming.
- Discussion on the use of the old radios from FC-2. Probably not good for anything due to the age. Will be kept in storage at Southbridge Fire if anyone would need some parts from them.
- Update on FC-1: Progress is being made on de-lettering and configuring the inside. The radio plan is coming together. Jim came across a deal on 2 UHF radios that would fit well.
Motion: DiFronzo seconded Maynard: to purchase the 2 used UHF radios for \$100; Unanimous
- Discussion on a programming cable that can be left on FC-2; We will try to find a used one.
- No updates on the recorders.
- Discussed the antennas for the second VHF radios in the 3 DCR Fire Towers
Motion: DiFronzo seconded Maynard; To purchase 3 VHF antennas with magnetic mounts and pay up to \$250 total: Unanimous
- A potential future purchase of multi ID readers for each Comm Truck was discussed
- Paul questioned if the old Oxford Com truck was still on some run cards, Chief DiFronzo believed an outdated version of a card might have been used by accident.
- Northbridge Fire has a pair of VHF frequencies, they are working on a plan to transition
- Spencer Fire is changing to a repeater system
- Adding a V-Tac 37 repeater was discussed. The committee felt it is a good idea, we just need to come up with a means of financing the necessary equipment. Jim stated he may possibly be able to get a demo unit.
- Discussion on putting a test antenna on Charlton Tower to change the Orange Channel signal.

Motion to adjourn made by Maynard

Adjourned: 17:15

Next Radio Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday November 9th, 2017, 4:00 pm Oxford Fire Headquarters.

Rich Hamilton, Chairman