

Meeting called to order at 15:35 hours by Chairman Hamilton

8 members present (Hamilton, Wilson, Maynard, Normandin, Liard, Fleischer, Tancrell, Smith)

0 guests present:

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

Treasury report: No update at this time

Radio Status:

Southbridge Fire and link – OK

Charlton Tower- OK

Radio Tests- Generally very good

Old Business

- Terminology, Mark Cady not at meeting
- Northbridge update: Crossband running, in process of installing VHF repeater
- Douglas update: working on crossband, using 123.0 ctcss on new VHF
- Mendon/ Millville update: Working with Chiefs from both towns, most likely both FDs will share a repeated frequency with each having a fireground channel and both PDs will share a frequency. The system is moving in the right direction.
- Leicester Air/ Light radio still on order

New Business

- Rich brought up for discussion having a document from the Radio Committee with guidelines on the allowed and recommended uses for the various district frequencies. A draft document was handed out. Discussion took place and it will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- Discussion held on Orange channel protocols. The use of District 7 Control needs to be stressed more. A plan will be put together to inform the district members. An advisory will be sent to the special teams leaders first, as they use the system the most. This will be discussed further.
- Paul Maynard brought up a few requests for Field Comm 1: Pods for the charger/ analyzer for current radios, replacement batteries for the caches of portables, programming of the 800 MHz radios, software and cables for programming. All were discussed and a list of specifics will be put together for the next meeting. Paul Normandin will assist with writing a PJ for Homeland Security funds for batteries.

Motion to adjourn made by Maynard, Seconded by Wilson

Adjourned 16:30

Next Radio Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday March 14th, 2017, 4:00 pm Oxford Fire Headquarters.

Rich Hamilton, Chairman