

D7 Radio Committee Meeting Oxford Fire Department January 11, 2018

*Meeting called to order at 16:08 hours by Chairman Hamilton
7 members present (Hamilton, Shea, Wilson, Liard, Maynard, Belsito, Larson)
0 guests present:*

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

Treasury report: No current report should be about the same as last meeting, \$11,883. All dues have been received

Radio Status:

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

Old Business

- Control point designations, still under advisement. Most Chiefs are in favor of the Fire Alarm designator.
- Membership, still looking for 2 members to fill open seats on the radio committee. Should have a fire department affiliation and a working knowledge of communications. Interviews will be conducted jointly by D7 Chiefs and D7 Radio Committee

New Business

- Douglas Fire expressed interest that they wish to move off low band. They were advised to seek an open VHF frequency and the radio committee will help with the transition as needed.
- Northbridge Fire is ready to go full time on VHF rx 154.3625 pl 151.4 tx 156.2325 pl 186.2
- Spencer Fire will be going repeated soon. Input will be 159.0825 pl 79.7
- Comm truck updates. Working thru Chief Coleman for a donation from Home Depot. DC power is 90% complete and AC power is done. Crossband repeater is installed. Still need 4 VHF and 1 800 antennas. Jeff Wilson has about 80 hours of labor into the truck and Paul Maynard has about 126 hours into the truck. The truck should be ready to be placed into service soon.
- Talk about copper lines from Verizon going away and a new fiber plan between communities. It is believed grant monies may be available to help offset installation costs.
- DCR reports that MSP has been to Oxford to cut trees down
- District 7 Air Light truck has been moved from Upton to Leicester. There is one VHF XTL 2500 and one dual deck Vertex (low band-VHF) radio in the cab. There was discussion of making the dual deck into a VHF-UHF configuration in anticipation of possible responses to District 8

Motion to adjourn made by Maynard, Seconded by Wilson

Adjourned 17:07

Next Radio Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday March 15th, 2017, 4:00 pm Oxford Fire Headquarters.

Paul Shea, Secretary