

D7 Radio Committee Meeting Oxford Fire Department July 12, 2018

*Meeting called to order at 16:05 hours by Chairman Hamilton
8 members present (Hamilton, Wilson, Cady, DiFronzo, Maynard, Normandin, Carnevale, Tancrell)
0 guests present:*

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

Treasury report: Current balance: \$10,675.26

Radio Status:

Southbridge Fire and Charlton Tower link – OK
Orange channel system – Some issues; occasional keying and some coverage issues.
Radio Tests- Most communities are compliant

Old Business

- Discussed orange channel issues. Some are system issues which we will work on correcting, some are operator error such as using orange direct or using a portable instead of a mobile. Motion by DiFronzo seconded by Cady: To send a letter to the Chiefs in District 7 to ask that orange direct (or talkaround) not be programmed into their radios and to include a list of “best practices” for radio channel naming, radio power settings, etc., that Mark Cady will draft and bring to the radio committee for review: unanimous
- Briefly discussed recording the red channel and the thoughts from Gary Fleischer.
- Received an update on FC-1 from Paul Maynard.
- No update on the county radio system replacement.

New Business

- Rich distributed a list of proposed changes for the District 7 FCC license. Some discussion followed. The proposal would clean up the license by eliminating frequencies no longer used, eliminating sites that weren't built out and adding current sites as they are today. Motion by Normandin seconded by Cady: To follow through with the proposed changes: Unanimous
- Discussed an email the committee received from Gary Fleischer regarding Massport taking over Worcester Airport's communication systems and the opportunity for the district to work with them to benefit both. The committee thought it was a good idea and that we should talk with them.
- Update from Rich regarding MOU from DCR for equipment at their sites.
- Leicester Air/Light Truck radio still in the works.

Motion to adjourn made by Normandin Seconded by Cady

Adjourned 16:55

Next Radio Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday September 13th, 2018, 4:00 pm Oxford Fire Headquarters.

Rich Hamilton, Chairman