D7 Radio Committee Meeting Oxford Fire Department March 14, 2019

Meeting called to order at 16:04 hours by Chairman Hamilton 8 members present (Hamilton, Shea, Wilson, Liard, Cady, Smith, Meskus, Tancrell) 0 guests present:

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

<u>Treasury report:</u> Current report is \$12,696.27 few bills paid. Remaining \$400 dues collected. Also \$2,500 earmarked for laptop for FC 2

Radio Status:

Southbridge Fire and link – OK
District 7 Orange- Inspection of system when the weather brakes
Charlton Tower- OK DOT to do work on road improvements
Radio Tests- Generally very good

Old Business

- Thumb drive recorders, Wilson reports they are too sensitive, looking for alternatives
- District channel guidelines, add use of fire towers. Also VTAC 22 and VTAC 23 are also D7 Red and D7 blue with different pls.Blue can be used as a fireground, not just water supply. Also if anyone has any other changes to advise.
- Cady working on common radio terminology for the district

New Business

- Change in Massport operations at Worcester Airport. As of April Massport Fire will be taking over and any alerts now will be radioed into dispatchers at Logan Airport over LPS 7 who will then advise departments to respond.
- Homeland Security enhanced interop comms. Will be seeking grant monies to replace 20 VHF portables and 2 gang chargers. 10 portables and 1 gang charger per truck. Cady to get prices from Motorola and Wilson to get prices from Kenwood.

Motion to adjourn made by Meskus, Seconded by Smith

Adjourned 17:26

Next Radio Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday May 9th, 2019, 4:00 pm Oxford Fire Headquarters.

Paul Shea, Secretary