

MEETING OF THE WESTCOMM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FEBRUARY 26, 2025 9:00 A.M.
CHICOPEE PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING ROOM
15 COURT STREET, CHICOPEE MA 01020

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In Attendance:

Tom Christensen, Town Manager, East Longmeadow
Stuart Beckley, Town Manager, Ware
John Beaulieu, Chicopee
JoAnn Kupiec, Admin Assistant, WESTCOMM
Jennifer Wolowicz, Town Manager, Monson
Anthony Massoia, Dispatch Supervisor, WESTCOMM
Khristy Lord, Deputy Director, WESTCOMM
Lyn Simmons, Town Manager, Longmeadow
John Vieau, Mayor, Chicopee
Brian Harris, Chief, Monson FD
Nick Falzone
Mark William, Chief, East Longmeadow PD
Paul Morrisette, Chief, East Longmeadow FD
Jonathan Dough
Lisa Ricardo, HR Generalist, WESTCOMM
Steve Kozloski, Chief, Monson PD
Peter Kinnis, State 911 Department
Nena Barszcz
Jonathan Danek
Jim Martinez, Chief, Ware FD

1. Meeting called to order 9:10 A.M. A roll call was done, present at the meeting were Stuart Beckley, Tom Christensen, Jennifer Wolowicz, Lyn Simmons and John Beaulieu. 5 Present.

2. New Business: Penny Ryan interview started at 9:10 A.M., concluded at 9:27 A.M.

Building Update: Khristy met the past few weeks in regards to furniture, desks, etc., mocking up equipment next week, drop ceiling, trim and siding. Plumbing/heating upper level. Steel, generators, sprinklers, painting, throughout the building. Most Chiefs had a walk through. Move in date is slated for June 6, 2025. Finalizing dispatch furniture, fiber being pulled down, server, switches as well as Wi-Fi. There will be a meeting Monday with staging, OPM, Architect and Contractor. They will be moving hardware from Church Street location to the new building. Server and switches are new, transitioning desktop computers, old server will run parallel with the new server.

Monson Radio Update: WESTCOMM is in possession of the new radios, they are just waiting to be programmed. Horizon will be responsible for programming those radios. Khristy will put together a timeline for when the radios will be programmed and delivered to Monson.

A motion was made by Jennifer Wolowicz and 2nd by Stuart Beckley that Monson will receive 34 dual band portables and Ware will received 9 dual band portables as soon as possible. A roll call was done 5 yes, motion passed.

3. Discussion of Candidates for Interim Executive Director: Stuart questioned why firms were not being interviewed. The cost of a firm would not be reimbursed by State 911. Lyn stated she would like to interview Tony and Nina together to work as a unit. Stuart was concerned about them not being able to work the 40 hours that are required of the Executive Director, John agreed and would not support that suggestion. Jennifer agrees with not sharing the position and that there would be no time in the dispatch center with a shared position. Lyn suggested a second interview with the candidates they approve to move forward to explain exactly what is expected of them. John suggested possibly holding a second interview at the new building site. Suggested questions for the second interview should include Budget, and Project Management. Jennifer suggested sending questions to Tom and he will weed them out.

A motion was made by Jennifer Wolowicz and 2nd by John Beaulieu to invite Penny Ryan and Juliette Brown back for a second interview. Jennifer suggested Tom should have a conversation with Tony and Nena in regards to the shared position and see what hours they could work for the position for a collective of 40 hours. If they are not able to meet that requirement, they will not be invited back

for a second interview. A roll call was done, 4 yes, 1 no (John Beaulieu). Motion passed.

The date for the second interviews will be held on March 5, 2025 starting at 2:00 P.M. There will be 2, possibly 3 interviews with a limit of 3 questions pertaining to Budget, Project Management and Work Place Climate Assessments.

A question was asked about where WESTCOMM stands with the IT Director position. Lisa will be scheduling interviews. The IT Sub Committee wants to look at increasing the salary for that position. They will send that request to the Board of Directors.

4. Adjourn – A motion was made by John Beaulieu and 2nd by Jennifer Wolowicz to adjourn the meeting. A roll call was done 5 yes, meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.