

## **WestComm Board of Directors meeting**

### **Chicopee Public Safety Training Center**

**03/25/19**

-Motion to approve the March 19 minutes made by S. Crane seconded by J. Beaulieu motion passed 11:05am

-Chicopee Electric Light spoke with Louis Vezina regarding radio sites at Grattan Street/ Litwin school/ Chicopee Police Department. L. Vezina gave an overview of all equipment we currently have.

-Arrangements were made for Chicopee electric light to visit the sites with L. Vezina

-Chicopee electric light gave an overview of their assessment thus far advising it appears that there are two fibers for future use and two fibers which are considered an AMI and not used in the 12 fiber strand going into Litwin as well as the other locations.

CEL advised that each “strand” has an approximate capacity of 7,000 residential customers and could be separated further to increase capacity. Thus the capacity at the locations reviewed appears to have capability of allowing Westcomm access.

-IT director Andrew Vernon and John Beaulieu gave preliminary approval for the use of the City Wide fibers with verification by CEL of their Assessment to handle WestComm. Review by CEL will be made before final approval.

-S. Crane Requested Chicopee electric light give information about the availabilities of fiber that can be used by WestComm in the short term, and a review of the possibility of a build out a fiber that would be privately owned by WestComm in the future.

-Discussion of the radio project and the search for Radio Frequency. It was mentioned that there’s difficulties with possibly getting some of the UHF frequencies. Erin and Jay discussed that it may be cleared up and the frequencies and the “spectrum” Could be purchased.

-discussed getting bids on consuls for radios including the Avtek, Or the possibility of other products.

-Erin mentioned getting a Motorola quote and discussion of Motorola buying out Avtek last week was brought up as a possible concern.

- Mike Gardner discussed the entire FY 20 Grant and Grant application. He had emailed the group the draft of the grant application and went through specifics for any last minute changes or guidance. The

group was requested to go through the entire document and review and forward any final changes to him ASAP

-Mike Gardner requested CPD/CFD 911 call volume for 2018 and other calls for 2018, Lt Davis will provide this info

-Erin was asked to get prices for Dispatch furniture as the FY20 grant will possibly cover this for WestComm items.

-Chad discussed a PO which was signed for integration partners (for IMC) which gets WestComm in the queue.

-The next Board of Directors meeting was set up

-Motion to adjourn was made by S. Crane and seconded by John Beaulieu

Meeting ended- 1230 pm