

WESTCOMM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING COMBINED
WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE AND
OPERATIONS BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 3, 2020 1:00 P.M.

Training Room
15 Court Street
Chicopee, MA 01020

In Attendance:

John Beaulieu, Chicopee
Paul Pasterczyk, Treasurer, WESTCOMM
Marie Laflamme, Treasurer, City of Chicopee
Erin Hastings, Executive Director, WESTCOMM
Khristy Lord, Deputy Director, WESTCOMM
Jay Macsata, Longmeadow Fire
JoAnn Kupiec, WESTCOMM
Lyn Simmons, Longmeadow Town Manager
Chad Thompson, Longmeadow Purchasing
Evan Brassard, Monson Town Administrator
Brian Harris, Chief, Monson Fire
Jeffrey Dalessio, Chief, East Longmeadow Police
Paul Morrisette, Chief, East Longmeadow Fire
Mary McNally, Town Manager East Longmeadow
Steve Lonergan, East Longmeadow Town Accountant
Mary Lauria, Monson Town Accountant
Holly Davis, Chicope Police
Ryan Quimby, East Longmeadow IT
Gary Fontaine, Longmeadow Police
Carl Mazzaferro, Longmeadow Police
Mary Ellen Glover, Hampden Board of Selectman

1. Meeting called to order 1:05 P.M.

2. Purchase & Sales, Salter College: Erin Hastings gave an update on contacting a new Attorney to draw up a new P&S for the purchase of Salter College. The attorney contacted is Michael Sweet. This attorney is associated with both East Longmeadow and Longmeadow.

Chicopee and Monson voted to move forward with this Attorney.

The cost of the Attorney's services will be between \$5,000 & \$7,000 from the Purchase & Sales, through to the closing.

Attorney Sweet suggests to null & void the original P&S, and will draw up a new one that is in alignment with the RFP.

There was a discussion regarding lease of the building for up to 3 years. WESTCOMM wants to be in a lease agreement if State 911 does not fund the building, and needs to go out for bond. There will be language in the new P&S asking for a reduced lease amount.

A motion was made by Mary McNally, and 2nd by John Beaulieu to rescind the prior agreement for WESTCOMM to purchase Salter College, and to move the P&S forward with Attorney Sweet. A roll call vote was taken, 4 yes, motion passed.

3. District Agreement: There was a discussion regarding voting in a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for WESTCOMM. This will be posted on the next agenda for New Officers to be voted in.

Each town is able to designate a backup.

There is a provision to approve the budget. There is currently no provision to amend the budget and this needs to be addressed.

Language should be changed to "emergency calls", from "911 calls"

The current agreement is good until 2022.

Warrants should be made available at meetings for all to view, currently Lyn Simmons signs off on the warrants.

East Longmeadow's signature page needs to be changed.

All should review the agreement and form a sub-committee.

4. Old Business: None
5. New Business: Hampden is showing interest in joining WESTCOMM once again. WESTCOMM would be able to take on Hampden right away without additional staffing.

Erin and Khristy took a ride out to Metacomet Regional Dispatch to see their dispatch center. Z-Tron is the way to go with alerting. Should get quotes to Fire Departments and do a presentation.

Andrew Vernon spoke regarding his understanding that WESTCOMM would be laying new additional dark fiber, that WESTCOMM was to use the city strands as a compromise in the beginning, and that at this point all the city strands are consumed. There seems to be confusion between members if this was truly the intent from the beginning. More discussion will be had regarding this matter.

6. Evan Brassard made a motion to adjourn, John Beaulieu 2nd the motion, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:01 P.M.