



Central Vermont Public Safety Authority  
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CVPSA Board Meeting April 25, 2019 Minutes – DRAFT  
at 6:30pm at CV Chamber Conference Room

Bd members Present: Kim Cheney, Chair; Dona Bate, Sam Dworkin, Doug Hoyt, Martin Prevost, Bob Sager, Will Schwartz and Mike Smith. Other Attendees: Caroline Earle and Tony Facos. (I apology for an incomplete attendees list as the sign-in sheet didn't get distributed. Let me know if I've missed anyone.)

Chair Kim opened the meeting at 6:39pm. Mike made a motion to accept the agenda and Sam seconded. Dona objected to the agenda as it contained many inappropriate items. Such as, asking for payment of secretarial work that had not been approved by the Board. And it asks us to discuss and create a timeline for bonding on a simulcast system that we've not yet decided is needed. The agenda is not in line with previous priorities and plans set by the Board. Motion passed with one Nay from Dona.

Mike made motion to ratify election of officers that was held in March to align with our bylaws. Martin seconded and motion passed.

Mike made motion to engage Kate Radigan to be administrative support for Board Chair, Doug seconded. Dona referred to the March Bd meeting discussion to not spend money on a lobbyist, rather to save our limited funds to further our communication improvement project. Kim said he lacked the necessary administrative computer skills and that without Paco, he needed assistance. Sam felt \$45 an hour was too high and Dona felt the tasks of posting and distributing minutes and agendas were doable once she received training from Eternity Web who manages our website. Motion failed with a 3-3 vote.

Doug made motion to pay Kate Radigan the \$117 owed for work done and Martin seconded. Dona asked about the work done by Kate as the minutes and agendas were not yet posted to our website. Kim said she hadn't completed all the work as outlined in agenda. She had reformatted the old email list for distributing minutes and agendas. Motion passed with one Nay from Dona.

Kim asked about the relationship between CVPSA and the City of Montpelier if we bond for capital. What will be CVPSA's Role? Its Purpose? Tony explained that contract language would define relationship, roles, tasks and responsibilities. Montpelier's Waste Water contracts has long-term obligations and we can use that language. However, Tony was concerned that we not get the ahead of what the State Legislators and Public Safety Commissioner will be doing in the near future. We need the RFI to better access the needs of Capital West towns and to gain a broader understanding of what technology is applicable to our situation. Next Monday Governor Scott and Public Safety Commissioner Anderson are holding meeting with town emergency services: Police at Norwich 10am and Fire at Barre 1pm.

Tony emphasized the already established need of Infrastructure and personnel; getting the right infrastructure to improve communications and enough dispatchers to have two on 24/7. Tony said that Senator White and Commissioner Anderson understood and supported the regional public safety model. Kim asked Sam to be

CVPSA's point person with Chief Facos and for him to meet with Tony regularly. Sam and Tony agreed to work on a schedule.

Martin reported on the RFI work that Sally & Will have been doing and worried how easy it is to slip back to radios when we should be considering other types of communication systems, like cellular and First Net. He has been very busy at work and hasn't been able to work on the RFI. Sally had reached out to Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) for their RFI and other information on their efforts. The communications committee plans to use CCRPC's RFI request as a basis for ours and will come next month with a draft RFI.

At 7:30pm Will joined the discussion. Kim asked Doug to join him in attending a Cap West meeting and asked Will to let them know the date and location of the next meeting. Will and Doug agreed.

Dona asked Will if Cap West still saw the RFI as a tool to engage their town members and to access the problems, needs, and best solution to resolve current communication problems. Will said yes, the RFI process would do those things, and also connect fire departments, selectboards and general public to PSA. Tony felt RFI activities would build support for bond, for legislators and for statewide funding for regional public safety entities.

Kim asked Mike to CVPSA's contact person with CVRPC as it's important to learn and understand RPC members and projects. Mike agreed to be CVPSA rep.

Stephen Whitaker asked to give public comment and Chair recognized him. Stephen talked about Peter Plum and how Broadbent can be taxed if used for statewide dispatch. Montpelier could be a pilot project. Stephen told the Board that Berlin and Barre Town are participating in CV Fiber and should be brought into regional public safety discussions.

Next meeting is May 16 Thur at 6:30pm.

Kim adjourned meeting by unanimous consent at 7:53pm.

Submitted by Secretary, Dona Bate