

Town of Charlton

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Oxford High School

April 5, 2017

Meeting came to order at 7:00

In Attendance: Jerry Doble – Chairman, Doug Stepien & Maura O'Connor.

Feasibility Study for Developing Regional E911 Commissions Services for Charlton, Oxford, Southbridge, Spencer and Sturbridge: Final Report Briefing

Brian Palaia: Currently looking at resources in a better way to provide services to these communities and there is much interest from the other communities.

Tom Kennedy – CTC Inc. Tom has developed 3 Regional Dispatch Centers in Western Mass and has done 14 feasibility projects.

Tom's Methodology includes interviews, onsite assessments, analyze all aspect of the current communication center and assess possible sites. He has worked with CRECC committee as an open and transparent process. He has Established MGL Chapter 6A section 18P: Regional Dist. Board of Directors and Operations Committee. He has established the MGL Chapter 6A section 18P: Regional Municipal entity to meet the public safety communities.

A Potential Site has been indicated: Woodward School in North Oxford. This building which currently exists is believed to be an appropriate place for the Regional Communication Center.

Massachusetts State 911 Department Gant funding: Charlton has \$36,305 in FY17 Support Funds and in FY18 CRECC Funds would be 597,666 plus 410,000 incentive funds, including from 8 million to 12 million to incentivize for Regional Dispatch from the State. There will be millions of dollars for equipment in grants; including an advantage of a discount for economy of scale. The 911 Department will also reward 483K if you regionalize. Going forward, there will be more funding with more communities. The money is here today; need take advantage of that.

Any concerns, Frank Posniak of the State 911 Department can be contacted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

The Recommendation is to consolidate the CRECC communities into a new entity, the Central Regional Emergency Communication Center – would be structured as a Regional Dispatch District. This will help standardize all the protocols as per what is currently happening nationwide.

Next Step:

Approve and sign an Inter-municipal Agreement, seek State 911 Development Grant funds, appoint a Building Committee, appoint a District Board of Directors and appoint an Operations Committee.

Voted: 4 / 25 / 17

Approved: Peter Cooper, B. Dole,
Henry C. [unclear], [unclear]