MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE MILFORD AREA COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

August 7, 2018

PRESENT: Fire Chief Jim Cutler, BOG Town of Wilton

Mike Putnam, Selectman, BOG Town of Milford

Jay Wilson, BOG Town of Mont Vernon Fire Department

Jason Johnson, MACC Director

Darlene Bouffard, Recording Secretary

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Jon Quinlan, Town of Mont Vernon Selectman

Lorraine Carson, Recording Secretary

Jay Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. Jim Cutler seconded. The motion was unanimous.

MINUTES:

The minutes of July 10, 2018 were postponed until Lorraine Carson is present.

OLD BUSINESS: Milford conversation with other towns and MRI Study.

Mike Putnam indicated there is nothing new with Milford on this. Mont Vernon was supposed to get back to Wilton. Jay will check with them on that. Jim will have them contact him again.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to discuss.

UPDATES FROM DIRECTOR:

Jason explained the summer schedule is in effect in all towns, so the selectmen meetings are not the usual schedule. The MRI draft is in and is being reviewed. Jason will contact Bill Drescher about the long term borrowing and if it needs to be brought to town meeting. That portion could get put off in order to get the contract signed by the end of the year. Jay said they would rather do a ten year contract instead of seven year contract. We need that to be expedited. Jay would like to have the MRI report in hand.

BART MATTER

It was emphasized that MACC base meetings should not be missed. Jim is on vacation the first two weeks in September. Jason will be gone for Labor Day. Jim suggested having a meeting the last week in August instead of early September. Jim has a BOS meeting next week and would like to have the MRI report for that; Jason responded that should not be a problem. It was agreed the next MACC Base meeting would be August 28, Tuesday, at 9:15 a.m.

Milford Fire is talking about putting a receiver in for fire; Jason noted he could look into AT&T to serve the downtown area, which has terrible service. They also thought about co-location, which is easier to get through. The conversation has been started about Dram Cup Hill and a cell location in Mont Vernon. Jason has not heard any numbers yet. Right now there is testing with FirstNet phones for data and it was a little sketchy. Jay said there is coverage, Jason will talk to Kevin about that. Jason wants to have the smaller towns fixed first. Jim said AT&T drops off at the Post Office. Jason said co-location brings up microwave locations. He is waiting on one approval on environmental and historic preservation. They came back with some questions which were addressed. Hopefully we will hear back soon. Five out of six grant applications have been done.

The generator has gone back and forth. The building inspector and fire department said we can keep the generator in the building and also said we can change it to natural gas. Wetherbee Plumbing will do exhaust and plumbing. Electrical work will be done by JP Electric. We do not have a final number yet on the cost. The town came to Jason with a recommendation for the fire pump horn and asked if that could be added to the generator. If we can do it and have both connected, we should. Jay asked if the town can contribute money if it can be done? Jason said they are looking at that now. The elevator is not on the generator power, but MACC base is. Jason hopes to have an update within a week. Natural gas is already in that room so it will save money on the generator. Jason is working on the recorder, the goal is to have that done in August. It will be in a different room and mounted on a rack.

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Jim asked if Wilton get their radio switched over? Jason will contact Eric to find that out. Jim would like to get that corrected. Jason said it is a challenge. Jason talked to Hudson regarding on-line and phone burn permits, he is meeting with him tomorrow in Bedford so Jason may also visit Hudson to see how they do that.

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Mike said the Cabinet worked with the town on having the Fire Department offices temporarily located in the old Cabinet building during construction. Jason said there was one question on the register which was resolved and it was found to be a COBRA payment. Jay said they are looking at texting or using Imessage for communication; we need to make sure that gets taken care of. Jason will talk to staff about that. Jay said there are two people without pagers right now.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:31 a.m. Mike Putnam moved to adjourn. Jim Cutler seconded. All were in favor. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene J. Bouffard Recording Secretary