

Central Vermont Public Safety Authority
Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce Building
February 2, 2016
Meeting Minutes – Draft

Directors present: Dona Bate and Tom Golonka, representing the City of Montpelier; Martin Prevost and Michael Smith, representing Barre City; Doug Hoyt and Alexandra Pastor(6:34), at large directors.

Directors absent: Kim Cheney, at large director.

Others attending: Paco Aumand, CVPSA Executive Director; Tim Bombardier; Caroline Earle; Tony Facos(6:38); Bob Gowans; Steve Mackenzie; Bob Sager, CVPSA Board Treasurer; Azailiah and Zack Tillinghast(6:36).

The meeting was called to order by Tom at 6:30pm.

A motion to approve the agenda, as presented, was made by Dona, seconded by Doug. **Motion passed.**

A motion to approve the payments was made by Doug, seconded by Michael. **Motion passed.**

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 19th meeting was made by Dona, seconded by Doug. **Motion passed.**

Tom opened the Public Hearing on the FY 18 Budget at 6:30pm.

Paco did an overview of the FY 18 budget along with FY19 and FY20 budgets in a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the training and tabletop exercises line items. He also discussed the issue of ceding authority. There was little public comment.

Tom closed the hearing at 6:40pm.

Paco delivered the Executive Director's Report including: the possibility that the Authority would be liable for some or all of the \$19,000 radio installation costs; waiting for the last piece of radio equipment-a circuit that allows the 25 towns to transmit between the two cities dispatch centers; an update on the first Executive Committee meeting and; a meeting with the congressional delegation concerning public safety issues including, the radio simulcast project along with possible funding (grant) opportunities.

The Board had a discussion regarding making a pre-election presentation to the respective Councils and to serve as public outreach and education. Barre City Manager Steve Mackenzie said he would put the Authority on the Barre City Council agenda for the 28th of February and Tom agreed to put the Authority on the Montpelier City Council agenda for February 22nd.

The Board had a discussion of relevant issues including: the purpose of the Executive Committee, frequency of meeting and the level of interaction with the Board of Directors; whether or not to approach the City Councils with a revised Ceding of Authority for Dispatch proposal; where does the Board want to go with public safety services for the Central Vermont region and; the need for specifics of why regional dispatch is needed.

The Board had a discussion regarding the Board meeting schedule and decided to cancel the February 16th meeting and plan for a March 9th meeting, after the elections.

The Board discussed the at large position (3 year term) coming up for election on March 7th. Director Alexandra Pastor is not running for re-election. There were no petitions submitted for the open position. Someone could still run a write in campaign for the position or, if that doesn't happen, the Board believes it could appoint someone to fill the seat for a year.

The Board thanked Alexandra for her service to the Board for the last two and a half years.

Without objection, Tom adjourned the meeting at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Michael Smith
CVPSA Secretary

The Next regularly scheduled meeting of the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority will be held March 9th, 6:30pm at the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce Building located at the corner of Stewart Road and Paine Turnpike in Berlin. PLEASE NOTE: This meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month, not the first or the third.