Minutes

CRHSAC Equipment Subcommittee

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Members Present: **Jim Barclay**, EMD, Town of Royalston; **Dean Kochanowski**, Fire Chief, Town of Dudley; **Kevin Roy**, Fire Chief, City of Fitchburg**; Jeff Wilson**, Fire Chief, Retired, Town of Oxford**. C. Thomas** **O’Donnell**, Police Chief, West Brookfield; **Nicholas DaDalt**, CMEMSC; **Neal Aspesi,** Southborough Fire & EM; **Patrick Purcell**, Fire Chief, Town of Westborough; **Jason Ferschke**, Westborough Fire Department; **Christopher Montiverdi**, Leicester Public Health & Holden Fire

Attendees: **Gary Fleischer**, District Fire Chief, City of Worcester; **Paul Normandin,** D7 Southbridge Fire; **Carl Ekman,** Charlton EMD; **Matthew Belsito,** Fire Chief, Town of Sutton; **William Lyver**, Police Chief, Town of Northborough; **Kristen Jerome**, MEMA; **Peter Peloquin**, CMRPC; **Anthony Senesi**, CMRPC; **Ali Novak,** CMRPC; **Trish Settles,** CMRPC

Call to Order: Chief Purcell called the meeting to order at ­2:03 PM

Minutes: The meeting minutes of March 9, 2020 were presented for approval. Chief Kochanowski made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ret. Chief Wilson, all in favor **motion approved.**

Financials: This portion was set aside until the full council meeting.

Chair Report: None

Project Status: Mr. Peloquin gave the update.

Completed Projects:

 PJ18-4.01 CMDART Equipment (FFY2018)

 PJ18-8.10 CEMLEC SWAT Equipment (FFY2018)

Project Updates:

PJ18-2.01 Equipment Resources Map (FFY2018)

The project is complete. The link is live on the website, there is a mobile version as well.

 PJ18-5.01 Fire District 7 Ice Dive Equipment (FFY2018)

 EOPSS has approved the project.

 PJ18-5.05 Fire District 8 Dive Team Equipment (FFY2018)

 The equipment manufacturer, Divers United, is closed due to COVID-19.

 PJ18-6.02 Fire District 7 & 8 Trench Rescue Equipment & Trailer (FFY2018)

The first round of equipment has arrived, there should be a delivery from Tech Rescue for Oxford and Lunenburg. The second round of POs have been sent out.

 PJ18-6.05 Fire District 7 Trench Rescue Trailer (FFY2018)

 Unsure if the Rescue Trailer has been delivered. The POs have been sent out, awaiting delivery.

 PJ18-6.06 Fire District 14 Tech Rescue Boat (FFY2018)

 Have not heard back from FEMA, awaiting a signature and final approval.

 PJ18-6.07 Fire District 7 Trench Rescue Equipment (FFY2018)

 Was delivered yesterday or it has been delivered today, 5/5/20.

 PJ18-8.09 CEMLEC Robot (FFY2018)

 The robot was delivered in late March, the training had to be postponed due to COVID-19.

 PJ19-10.01 ASHER Training Equipment (FFY2019)

 Awaiting EOPSS approval, Central region is awaiting a few items to be approved.

 PJ18-8.02 Fire District 14 Tactical Gear (FFY2018)

 This project is complete.

 PJ19-12.01 Wachusett Area Active Shooter Equipment (FFY2019)

This was approved to amend the extra equipment. The Council approved a motion to transfer $5722 from the Asher training line to Equipment training line. The Council only needed $5448 transferred.

Old Business:

 Update: Council’s American Red Cross Canteen Vehicle

Salvation Army’s national lawyers did not want to sign the MOU, they didn’t want to pay for the upkeep, insurance, and maintenance of the vehicle. This includes lending the vehicle out. However, as the Council has reiterated that when someone takes the vehicle out it is their complete and full responsibility. On April 10th Mr. Peloquin had a meeting with representatives from the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross stated that they do not have ownership of the vehicle and they do not want it on their property. They gave CRHSAC 5 days to get the vehicle off Red Cross’ property.

Fitchburg Fire picked up the vehicle. Grafton FD is interested in hosting the vehicle, and they are willing to sign a MOU with FD7, FD8, FD14. Eventually, Salvation Army said they were not willing to host the vehicle.

Chief Kochanowski made a motion to approve the transfer of the Canteen Vehicle to be housed at Grafton FD, seconded by Chief O’Donnell, all in favor, **motion approved.**

New Business:

 PJ19-18.02 Radiological Dispersal Device Equipment (FFY2019)

September 22-25th, 24 students a day. Chief Kochanowski made a motion to approve the equipment, Chief O’Donnell seconded the motion, all in favor, **motion approved**

 PJXX-X.XX Gas Calibration Stations Upgrade

Chief Fleischer stated that the calibration stations that are supplied to 1/3 of departments in the Central Region are not able to be replaced or maintained.

* Plan A is to replace everything in the district.
* Plan B is to cut down on the number of departments that have a few stations to one or two stations. Then they are able to use their older stations as long as they stay working.
* Plan C is to replace the 6 of the most expensive and most sophisticated stations (Clinton, Sterling, Sutton, Uxbridge, two in Worcester). Those are the stations that contain chlorine or ammonia. With the option of replacing additional stations in the next couple fiscal years. The 6 stations that will be replaced can be held onto if any of the other older stations need to be replaced.

Chief Purcell stated that meters have become more prominent, and are unique to everyone’s community. Chief Purcell believes that departments should be responsible for their own stations. Chief Fleischer stated that nothing is broken now in the region. Some towns do not calibrate their stations on a regular basis.

Chief Kochanowski recommends that the subcommittee table this for a later date. The motion has been tabled.

 Request for Information: CMED Generator

Tabled from March. A community has expressed interest, this would take a lease payment off the books. A test of the generator needs to occur again due to an error with the vendor. Mr. DaDalt recommend to table this to a further date until the Central Region can get some testing for the generator. The motion has been tabled.

New Business Unforeseen by the Chair: None

Next Meeting: June 2, 2020

Adjourn: Chief Kochanowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 PM, seconded by Lt. Aspesi **motion approved.**

Meeting minutes taken and prepared by Anthony Senesi, CMRPC