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Town of Seymour
Communications Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2025 at 1130 hours
Seymour Community Center, 20 Pine Street, Willis Room

Members Present: John Bucherati, Tim Connors, Diana Davis, Chris Edwards, Frank Gabianelli, Ed Henry, Kurt Miller, John Oczkowski, Bryan Ryan, Andrew Tisdale, Timm Willis

Members Absent: Robert Dyer, Michael Fappiano, Sean Strumello

Others Present:

The meeting was called to order by Chris Edwards at 1135 hours, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment or correspondence to discuss.

Correspondence:

There were bills to Norcom discussed.

Old Business:

Dispatch move to Northwest:

There is no update. There would be an increase in cost to cover the police department. Fire & EMS are done. If we train police, there is a liability that is huge and also would require recurring training. There would be 43 officials to train and certify. It would be very expensive to have civilian staff in addition to police to cover dispatch.

Radio maintenance is done on emergency services. Also done at schools but may need extra repeater and antennae at field house in high school. It will be done over a school break. A new radio for Bungay is also down the road but we will still keep the old system as backup.

Clinton Road site is down. There was a car accident that took service down. It is getting fixed.

Radio projects for 25/26 – list of infrastructure and age has been requested from Norcom. They have not responded.

Public Works Radio is not on Norcom. We would like to add them to the Norcom system. A motion was agreed to move forward with that.

New Business:

The radio system is old, pieced-together and not great. We should look into a new system. We would like to initiate a new radio system project and get all departments up to where they should be. It should be all the same system for Police, Fire, BOE and DPW.

John Bucherati suggested joining the State Corp. radio. Evidently coverage is sketchy. We would need to do a study to see if we would have sufficient coverage. Naugatuck uses this system and has lots of issues. It's potentially over a million dollar project. Towers are a million dollars alone. We need to talk to other nearby users and get feedback.

Bryan Ryan said the Mass Casualty protocol is in progress but the trailer is ready and can be used whenever needed.

Annmarie Drugonis stated that when a business receives a bill / fine for EPA, we should be involved. We may have to assist them to remedy. Chris Edwards is on the board of directors at Northwest.

A motion was made by Chris Edwards to adjourn at 1203 hours. Accepted by Annmarie Drugonis. Seconded by John Bucherati.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Davis
Recording Secretary