

**Wallingford Police Station Steering Committee Minutes
SPECIAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022 @ 10 AM
Wallingford Police Department
135 North Main Street
Training Room**

PRESENT: Alison Kapushinski, Chair; Jon Walworth, member (via phone); Richard Heidgerd, member; Vincent Cervoni, member; Bill Wright, member; John Ventura, Police Chief; Anthony DeMaio, Deputy Chief; Joe Verellio, IT Administration; and Jim Russo, OCR.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Items

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed tower at 100 Barnes Road.

Ms. Kapushinski provided an overview of the tower discussions to date including past Committee meetings, correspondence with NorcomCT, and meetings with the Police Department. A discussion was had to gauge interest by Committee members to take the lead when it comes to tower discussions and coordination. Bill Wright and Rich Heidgerd have previous knowledge of the microwave system that was installed during their time as Police Chief and Fire Chief, respectively. It was determined that the Committee can benefit from an independent third party to advise the Committee, and help us understand any options that might be out there. It was discussed that the Committee's intent is to not unnecessarily spend tax dollars, and at this point we are not convinced a new tower at 100 Barnes Road is necessary. Ms. Kapushinski stated she would collect quotes for a consultant, independent of Motorola, to advise the committee on this matter. Jim Russo is sending a contact he has worked with on a similar project that he recalls is separate from Motorola and any other "big name" companies, and would be a great fit for this role.

Discussions were also had regarding the need for a fiber run from 135 North Main Street to 100 Barnes Road. The Chief is going to obtain prices for renting the fiber on poles rather than installing a new fiber line. This would be an operational expense when the new building opens, rather than a capital expense during construction.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Kapushinski
Committee Chair