

August 13, 2020 Special Meeting of the Framingham Amateur Radio Association –  
7:30 PM

**Attendees: 14**

W1VIV	Summer W	KB1VXY	John I
K1AZE	Lou N	W1HNZ	Bruce R
KC1DMM	Andy B	N1VAM	Paul K
VE3IDX	Peter M	KC1LPZ	Steve B
N1MH	Steve M	AB2IX	Adrian Z
K1VEA	Victor A	K1HT	David H
KB1GMU	Larry G	W1EQW	Jim W

Notes from Meeting discussion:

An important issue was brought up by Andy (KC1DMM) requesting this Special Meeting. ***“The primary topic is a proposal to pay an accountant to assist the officers in completing the paperwork for Massachusetts tax exempt status and in completing the annual financial reports for the first tax exempt year. I think that we need this professional advice. I have studied the forms and rules in some detail. I think that it would be very difficult for us to complete the forms without issue on our own.*”**

***The proposed accountant is Diana Edwards. Michael Gatlin, who did our 501c3 application, recommended Diana. Non-profit organizations are one of Diana's specialties. Please see the web page for her firm, <http://www.megfcpas.com/>. John, Steve Moro, and I met virtually with Diana . . . “***

Discussion involved why FARA has been through the process to be a 501c by several meeting attendees. The explanation appeared to be adequate and a motion to authorize up to \$800 plus the filing fees with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the IRS was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

Please note we did not have a formal Treasurer’s Report at tonight’s special meeting. It was reported that we have adequate funds to cover this expense.

One other brief subject discussion was brought up and that concerns our VECs in regards to testing applicants wishing to take a licensing Exam(s). Currently the Framingham City Hall building is closed before we can offer our early evening testing sessions. It appears unlikely we will be able to offer that service due to the current situation with the COVID-19 We do not have an alternative location to offer as this will remain in limbo for the time being.

Since no additional FARA business subjects were proposed, I made a motion to Adjourn tonight’s meeting. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed unanimously at 8:10 PM.

Faithfully Submitted by – Stephen M Babbitt, Clerk/Secretary, KC1LPZ