

Fred Hopengarten, K1VR, the ARRL New England Division Director, gave a special Zoom presentation to the club on Thursday 8-5-21. Fred discussed the KD1MF antenna case and his efforts to improve the management of the ARRL endowment.

The club had a particular interest in the Filippov, KD1MF, case since the proposed amateur radio tower site is in Framingham. The Framingham Zoning Board of Appeals had previously blocked the construction of the tower citing setback requirements in the City Bylaws. The Filippovs took the issue to the Massachusetts Land Court. Their legal team pointed out inconsistencies within the Framingham Zoning By-Laws and between the By-Laws and Federal and State regulations that require reasonable accommodation of amateur radio communication. The court ruled in favor of the Filippovs.

You can find more info about the KD1MF case by going to <https://www.masscourts.org/eservices/home.page.25> and searching for Land Court case 20 MISC 000073

Fred also discussed his efforts to improve the management of the 40 million dollar ARRL endowment fund. He has led the effort to move the fund to a more professional management. This transition is in progress and will increase the fund's yield.

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