

Framingham Amateur Radio Association meeting minutes, November 2, 2023

• **Check-ins** on Zoom

Bruce Rusch W1HNZ	Barbara & Jum Irby KC1KGS/WB4EJR
Richard Whalen KC1NXT	Joseph Wiesenfeld N1JIW
Victor Anderson K1VEA	David Hoaglin K1HT
Peter Morrison AC1KY	Thomas Turner KB1OQA (guest)
David Levenson KB1VLS	Adrian Zeffert AB2IX
Jeffery Alper WB9PZD	

• **Check-ins** at library,

Andy Boughton KC1DMM	John Iwuc KB1VXY
Glenn Axelrod KC1HPZ	Steve Moro N1MH
Harlan Doliner NE1HD (speaker)	Stephen Babbit KC1LPZ
Sumner Weisman W1VIV	Glenn Ghidalenson WA2KRS

• **Treasurer and Webmaster's Report:** Steve Moro, N1MH

The club purchased an SCOM controller for the repeater \$500  
Renewed ZOOM subscription  
Renewed W1FY.ORG

- **Clerk Secretary's report:** Richard Whalen, KC1NXT, reminded the attendees of the extended deadline to comment on the FCC's proposed rule changes to the 60-Meter band. Comments will be accepted until November 28, 2023. Also mentioned that the FCC is considering removing the symbol rate restrictions for HF bands. This would be replaced by a 2.8kHz bandwidth limit. This would offer the ability to communicate at higher speeds. The FCC Fact Sheet can be found online at, <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-397992A1.pdf>  
Requested acceptance of October meeting minutes; minutes were accepted.

- **Repeater Report:** Glenn Axelrod, KC1HPZ. The new controller gives backup options for what we have now. Working on finalizing relationship with MEMA

- **Echolink report:** Andy Boughton, KC1DMM. Everything working well.

• **Future meetings:**

- **December 7, 2023:** Activities programming and planning for upcoming meetings. Please think about how we should use our meetings, suggest or find speakers, suggest videos, talk about your station or ham activities or favorite band or radio, places we could go out to eat, etc. **Let's own this as a club!**

- **January 4, 2024: Let's look for a DxPedition video,**

**Upcoming contests:** ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB: 2100Z, Nov 18 to 0300Z, Nov 20, Saturday afternoon to Sunday night.

**End formal meeting;**

Business meeting closed at 7:09pm local time.

**Presentation: November 2, 2023**

**Talk:** Coast Guard Auxiliary

**By: HARLAN DOLINER, NE1HD**

Harlan Doliner, NE1HD, has been a ham since 2014, becoming an Amateur Extra in 2016 by taking a FARA-administered exam. His amateur radio interests focus on HF DX'ing, trying to improve his CW skills and, of course the FARA Sunday evening net when he can make it. Harlan is also Vice President of BAARC, the Boston Auxiliarist Amateur Radio Club, W1CGX. BAARC is for licensed amateurs or those interested in becoming licensed who are present or former members of Team Coast Guard, be they Active Duty, Reserve, Civilian or Auxiliarist.

Harlan has been a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary since 2001, currently serving as District Captain for the Sector Boston Area of Responsibility. Since 2004 continuing to the present, he spends part of each week working on marine safety, maritime security and environmental protection issues with Coast Guard active duty personnel. His duties include performing foreign flag vessel arrival targeting/risk assessments and participating in merchant vessel inspection boardings, facility examinations, as well as harbor patrols both underway and shoreside. These and almost all his other Coast Guard activities involve radio communications in one way or another. Consequently, in 2014 he completed the Auxiliary Communications specialty course and in March, 2016, qualified as an Auxiliary Telecommunications Operator.

Harlan participated in *Operation Patriot Resolve*, providing maritime security for the 2004 Democratic National Convention. Also in 2004, he was a member of one of six 4-person Coast Guard Auxiliary teams representing the United States in the International Search and Rescue Competition. In 2011, Harlan received the Coast Guard Auxiliary "Trident", designation as a Marine Safety & Environmental Protection Specialist.

Harlan's "day job" is as a vice president at the environmental, health and safety consulting firm Mabbett & Associates, Inc. where his responsibilities include leading Mabbett's Marine Technology – Maritime Services Group.

Harlan was raised in Framingham and lives with his wife Kathy in Holliston.