



Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Secretary's Report for the September 5th, 2019 Special Meeting

This meeting was called by Bill Welsh KB1WEA, who found out that the Stickney Hill lot owned by James Welsh W1XR is for sale for \$15 K, plus whatever he wants for the tower and building on the site.

In attendance were: KB1WEA-Bill, KB1WRY-Debbie K., KB1WRZ-Dave, WA1JMM-George, WA1PBR-Ben, N1BUG-Paul, W1FLV-Ron, KB1QU-Chip, KC1DUS-Felix, N1MRT-Ray

GUESTS: None

Notes by WA1JMM were:

Bill suggested that this site would be a great place for the club to do club projects, do remote operating etc. and that if for some reason we lost the other site on Stickney Hill we would have our own site to put everything on including the tower, repeater building etc.

WA1PBR said he was playing "The Devil's advocate" suggesting that this was a of money for our small club to come up with, plus we'd have to pay taxes and possible other expenses.

KB1WRZ noted that he was one of the younger members of the club and we didn't have any new/younger members showing interest and that if something were to happen to WA1JMM who has kept the club running all these years, the club could fall apart. He personally would not be able to help pay for the project due to his own financial responsibilities.

KB1QU said he thought it would be a great location for HF remote operations and said he would contact his friends down south who love in areas where they can't have HF antennas as possible investors, but he is leaving for Africa Saturday and W1XR is coming later this month to dismantle his tower and remove his quick van where his remote system is located and then sell the land.

N1BUG felt it was a great place for the club to own for all the reason Bill mentioned.

WA1JMM noted that our club has mostly older members and we really don't have a lot of activity other than public service and some contesting and that he didn't think a \$15 K investment was something the club could handle even with much of the money donated by member not to mention the expenses like taxes etc. Not a good move for this club.

Although there was no vote on it, my feeling was that the general consensus was that this would not be a good move for the club.

Bill noted that it looked like the club was not in favor of trying to purchase the lot, but he said he would discuss with KB1QU privately to discuss further.

Our regular meeting for Sept 24 is still on!

KB1WEA posted additional/separate notes on the K1PQ facebook page, they are noted here:

Summary: KB1WEA presented information on the upcoming sale of W1XR's 2.4 acre property on Stickney Hill for \$15,000. Towers, shelter, and other equipment are also available for sale separately. Details listed below. All present contributed to the discussion. Although several were excited about the possibility, the general consensus was that there was not sufficient member interest and PARC could not afford to purchase and maintain the site.

W1XR site and equipment:

Land: 2.4 Acres corner lot @~800' elevation

70' Rohn 45 -- 2 sets Guys & hardware -- Rotor & bearing shelves --

Chromalloy Mast ~16' -- 6M 6el Cushcraft 617-6b boomer yagi -- 2M FO12 yagi --

432M 19el yagi -- Yaesu G-1000 Rotor & ~100' cable -- 75M 1/2 wave sloper & coax --

146/440 Comet vertical -- 4+ coax runs ~80' RG-8 -- 1 run ~80' 1 5/8" hardline --

WiFi dish ant -- WiFi Access Point UBNT -- 30' Aluminum tower --

CDE rotor & ~60' cable -- 903M loop ant 33el -- 1296 loop ant 45el -- ~6' mast --

80' Rohn SSV self supporting tower (on the ground) --

Misc short aluminum tower sections -- 75ohm cable hardline spool ~150'? --

Misc 75ohm cable hardline lengths -- Misc guy wire -- A3S Cushcraft triband beam --

Misc mast sections -- Rohn 25 base plate & house bracket -- G5RV antenna & feedline --

Mil Communications Shelter ~12' x 7'

Also, there are also a number of pieces inside the shelter including a Kenwood TS 480 with Microbit remote rig control, a table with 2 rack pedestals and another ~ 30" high rack pedestal, portable A/C unit, space heaters, Collins 242F-9C 4x150 2 meter Amp, remote site controls, commercial HF amp with a pair of 3-400Zs, etc.

Respectfully submitted by K1DAE Debbie Ellis – Secretary.

** Thank you to KB1WEA-Bill and WA1JMM-George for posting and taking notes and getting them to the secretary.