

SEMARA Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2021
Virtual Meeting

Call to Order (Marcel, **W1MLD**): 7:10pm.

Salute to the Flag:

Roll Call of Members Present: 23 (See last page)

Secretary's Report (Armand, **W1BUG**): Motion to Post on SEMARA Bulletin Board.

Treasurer's Report (Mike, **KB1NB**):

Inflow. \$20.00

Outflow. \$2609.30

Net Balance. (\$2589.30)

(and BlueSky escrow: \$12,000.00 not included above)

SEMARA Bank Accounts: \$174439.23

It was also noted by Mike, **KB1NB** that the property tax bill had increased by approximately \$500.

Motion to Refer to Audit: accepted unanimously.

Standing Committee's Reports:

Building and Grounds:

Marty, **KA1YFV** reported that everything around the grounds is in satisfactory condition.

Technical: Chairman was not present.

President Marcel, **W1MLD** reported that the repeater seems to have a crackling sound developing intermittently throughout the day. It is being investigated and it is suspected that it could be RF being introduced by the neighboring antennas on the tower. There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow (Friday, Jan. 8) to try to investigate further.

Tony, **NN1D** will be present at the meeting and will bring a new antenna with him in case it is determined that it could be an antenna problem.

ARES: Chairman Ed Caron, **KA1RSY** reported that there was not much to report due to things being slow right now.

RACES: None

SkyWarn None

Radio Events:

Chairman Bob Kelley, **K1KVV** outlined some events in the next two weeks coming up. He also mentioned that he now lives in Hingham, and it would be nice to have someone that could assist him. Anyone interested?

Web: None

Communications: No new communications introduced.

Application for Membership Accepted (Voted on next meeting): None

Ratification of Application for Membership (Tabled at previous meeting):

There were two members scheduled for ratification as new members.

Lucillio Cannira, **KE1SL**

Ryan Mendonca, **KC1OCH**

They were voted in unanimously!

Old Business:

A question was brought to the floor about plowing responsibility. It was noted by the president that the BlueSky Tower people are responsible for full driveway and parking area plowing for snow over three inches.

New Business:

There was some discussion brought up by Jed Barton, **N1JBC** to changing from IRLP to the **AIStar** system. After explaining its superiority over IRLP, He stated that it would be relatively Inexpensive to accomplish and install. He stated that \$150 would be a round figure to get it done.

It was determined that input from the technical committee should be heard.

A motion was made and accepted that \$250 be allocated to purchase all of the components needed to install the system as long as the Technical committee was on board with the change.

Good of the Club:

Mike, **KB1NB** reported he has done some research on adjustments to the club treasury investment. He will do more research and bring results to the membership when finished.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:10pm.

Respectfully,

Armand Augustine, **W1BUG**
Secretary

cc:

M. Dumont, **W1MLD**
R. Kelley, **K1KVV**
SEMARA Bulletin Board

Members Present:

Marcel Dumont	W1MLD	Don Manley	N1PMB
Armand Augustine	W1BUG	Scott Smith	KE1CN
Richard Netinho	AC1JT	Jed Barton	N1JBC
Rick Sadek	KJ1L	Joe Barros	K1EZ
Mike Ponte	W1BZJ	Ryan Mendoza	KC1OCH
Bob Kelley	K1KVV	Marty Jordan	KA1YFV
Doug	KC1NFL	Joe K.	N1IXC
Larry Ferreira	AE1GXD	Tim Brown	W1MKA
John Cooney	KB1TPG	Richard Halliwell	K1AHA
Paul Sadek	K1PGS	Mike McDonald	KB1NB
Ed Carron	KA1RSY	Chris Bosse	AC1EO