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DARTMOUTH TOWER BY-LAW UPDATE

Bill Miller was authorized by the Board of Directors to act as the club's spokesman at the town of Dartmouth's Telecommunications Tower By-law Public Hearing held on April 28th. Several information packages were prepared for the Planning Board members. The packages consisted of a cover letter, statement of our concerns along with recommendations, and copies of all Federal and State laws referenced in our presentation.

Bill Miller presented the club's position at the hearing and presented the packages to the board. Next, several club members spoke to reinforce our position and point out the need for revisions. The presentation was favorably received by the Planning Board. They continued the Public Hearing to May 5th, and accepted our offer to help them iron out the technical difficulties in their proposal.

On April 30th and May 1st Bill Miller met with Donald Perry, Director of Planning, at the Dartmouth town hall. Also in attendance were two representatives of commercial cellular interests. The five hours of meetings were very productive. Most importantly, an agreement was forged raising the



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The May business meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Marty Jordan. Twenty-seven members were present. Following the salute to the flag and roll call, the Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Committee reports followed: *Technical* - Town of Dartmouth tower by-law scheduled for town meeting vote. (See related article on this page) *Buildings and Grounds* - Five gallons of tar was spread on the Quonset hut roof to stop a leak. *Scholarship* - No report. *Tower Committee* - Negotiations ongoing, see report on this page. *Fleamarket* - Fliers available in the literature rack.

Two members were upgraded to full membership - Theodore Przymierski, N1XXQ, and Robert Metivier, N1XZJ.

New business - A 50 year certificate of affiliation was received from the ARRL. Pictures of all members are being taken for the club history book. Charles Pelletier, KD1DA, announced that MEMA and the ARRL are jointly conducting emergency training classes in Bridgewater on May 11th.

Following the business meeting adjournment at 7:57 PM, a Commodore 64 computer and several old newspapers were raffled off to benefit the general fund.

TOWER NEGOTIATIONS MOVING FORWARD

The second round of negotiations with NYNEX Bell Atlantic Mobile was held on May 12th at the clubhouse. Tara Rand of NYNEX and Steven Bozkurtian of Structure Appraisal Group met with the associations Tower Negotiation Committee (Bill Miller, Larry Houbre, and Scott Szala).

Tara replaced Scott Cohen who previously was negotiating the lease with us (Scott left NYNEX). A good portion of the meeting was spent reviewing with Tara where we are relative to negotiating the lease.

Tara informed us that we should be getting a draft copy of a proposed lease in a week or two. The lease will be prepared by their attorney, Barron & Stadfeld of Boston. Tara also apologized for the delay in the negotiations caused by Scott Cohen leaving NYNEX. She mentioned that she and each of her coworkers are handling 20 to 30 sites each!

A full report on the negotiations will be given at the next business meeting.

NOTICE

All members of the association should attend the Dartmouth Town Meeting on May 27th at 7:00 PM.

See article on this page for details.

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height limit for amateur towers by right from 50 feet to 100 feet. This means a Dartmouth amateur can erect up to a 100 foot tower on his property without going before the planning board for a special permit. (A building permit will still be required.)

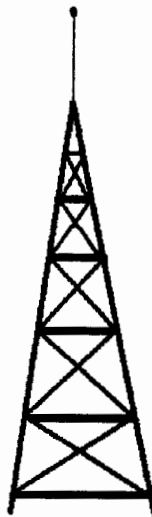
Another important change was the tower setback requirement. Originally towers had to be setback from all property lines by a distance equal to the tower height. Now the by-law only requires the setback from schools and residences.

On May 5th at 7:15 PM the Public Hearing on the tower by-law was reconvened. Selectmen Len Gonsalves and Enid Silva still felt towers should be setback from property lines by a distance equal to the towers height. After much discussion, common sense prevailed and no major changes were made to the new by-law crafted during our five hours of meetings. The hearing finally ended at 10:30 PM.

On Tuesday, May 27th, this by-law will be voted on at the Dartmouth Town Meeting. It is important that it pass without amendment from the floor, especially a change in the height or

setback provisions. If you know a town meeting member, please discuss this proposed by-law with them and fully explain why it must not be amended.

All members should plan to attend the Dartmouth Town Meeting. As a member of the club you are technically a land owner in Dartmouth, and at minimum you have a vested interest in this tower by-law as it affects the club. Your presence at the meeting will demonstrate your support for the by-law as written (especially if you wear your call letter hat).



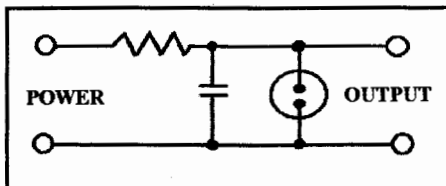
Although only town meeting members are normally allowed to speak at the meeting, parliamentary arrangements have been made to permit Vice-President Bill Miller to speak as a representative of the club if necessary. Also, club member **Bob Peckham, KA1YDG**, is a town meeting member and will speak in support of the by-law as written.

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 4. Relaxation Oscillator
- ANSWER - See Page 4

FLEAMARKET CALENDAR

June 1 - Newington, CT
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 June 7 - Lempster, NH
 June 15 - MIT, Cambridge, MA
 June 21 - Goshen, CT

NET DIRECTORY

— Sunday —

8am 28.375 General
 9:30am 50.225 Yankee SSB
 3pm 28.470 UFO
 7pm 147.000+ Swap Net

— 4th Sunday —

9pm 449.575 EM-ARRL

— Daily —

5:30pm 3.915 EM/RI NTS ssb
 7&10pm 3.658 EM/RI NTS cw
 6:45pm 147.315+ NTS/Trivia
 7pm 146.550 General
 8pm 145.230- EM-NTS

— Monday to Friday —

8am 14.262 UFO
 8pm 145.490- Weather

— Saturday & Sunday —

8am 7.237 UFO
 — Thursday —
 7pm 14.264 UFO
 8pm 147.180+ Trivia
 — Saturday —
 7:30pm 3.978 UFO
 1800G 14.300 Coast Guard

— ARES NET —

1st & 15th of the month at 7:30 pm
 147.000+ on the 1st
 145.490- on the 15th

SEMARA VE SESSIONS

All sessions held on Saturday at 10:30 AM except for Fleamarket Sunday, September 14th, when the session begins at 10 AM.

July 5
 September 14
 September 27
 November 1



CLUB NOTES

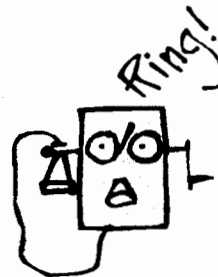
Remember this song? "June is breaking out all over..." Poor June. Sounds like the beginning of a TV ad for acne medicine. Father's Day falls on the 15th, and the first day of summer rolls around on the 21st. And remember to honor all the graduates this month.



The presentation shown on ARRL video night April 17th was about old time spark-gap transmitters. Everyone came off their seat when the video instructor keyed the spark-gap transmitter the first time. What a blast! Now, if I could only find a spark coil and rotary gap...



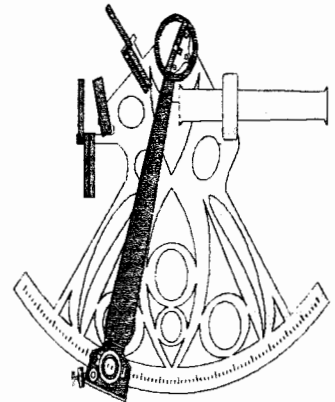
Rick, N1RFH, offers this information on having the aggravating "busy line" message by NYNEX removed. Dial 1-800-980-9999, wait for a customer representative, then ask to have "Repeat Dial Denial" blocked.



The association received a certificate for 50 years of affiliation with the ARRL. It should be noted that the actual total years of affiliation is 60 years when you include the years we were the New Bedford Amateur Radio Association.



On May 15th Larry Houbre, AA1FS, gave a interesting and informative tech-talk on the Wildcat! Navigator connection manager used to access Internet service providers. A computer was setup with a modem and the actual method of using the system was demonstrated. Everyone went away a little smarter!



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SEMARA EVENT CALENDAR

JUNE 1997

- 5 - Business Meeting
- 15 - ARES - Father's Day Race, Fairhaven
- 19 - Tech-Talk "Introduction to DOS"
- 24 - ARES - Relay for Life meeting
- 22-29 - Amateur Radio Week
- 27-28 - ARES - Relay for Life, NB Voke
- 28&29 - Field Day
- 30 - Board of Directors Meeting

JULY 1997

- 3 - Business Meeting
- 11-13 - ARES - Whaling City Festival (tentative)
- 17 - Tech-Talk "Advanced DOS"
- 21,22 - ARES - Medstar 97 at Westover AFB (tentative)



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145.490 -		KA1WBF	Fairhaven
146.445 +1Mhz	91.5	KB1BWN	Dartmouth
146.655 -	88.5	WA1GPO	Falmouth
146.685 -		N1OEG	Plymouth
146.700 -		K1CR	Cranston, RI
147.000 +		W1AEC	Dartmouth
147.045 +		WA1AIC	Yarmouth
147.135 +	67.0	ND1N	Taunton
147.180 +	77.0	N1FDX	Bridgewater
147.315 +	156.7	N1BBT	Wareham
220			
224.340 -		N1SGK	Dennis


Frequency	CTCSS	Call	Location
440			
441.400 +	192.8	WG1U	Assonet
442.200 +		N1NRL	Fall River
442.350 +	141.3	N1QWW	New Bedford
442.600 +	100.0	K1LIQ	Tiverton, RI
443.450 +	88.5	K1MYL	Westport
443.600 +		NS1N	Norwell
443.800 +	88.5	N1RFH	Dartmouth
443.850 +	131.8	W1ARM	Chatham
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