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**In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the novel Coronavirus pandemic emergency, the March 26, 2020 11:30AM public meeting of the MECC Board of Directors shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.**

**Public is invited to dial in via:**

**Dial in Number: 646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 354 657 764 Password: 914906**

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
PUBLIC NOTICE POSTING REQUEST**

**COMMITTEE:** MECC Board of Directors

**DATE:** Thursday March 26, 2020

**TIME:** 11:30 am

**LOCATION:** via conference call

**ROOM:** N/A

**PURPOSE:** Special Meeting

**REQUESTED BY:** Gary M Premo

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY
1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	NONE
2. OPERATIONS UPDATE	NONE
3. ACTION ITEMS	

Discussion on adding additional communities to the MECC.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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The Towns of Mendon and Millville have expressed interest in joining the MECC. They approached the State 911 Department who contacted the MECC Executive Director. The two town managers and the three public safety chiefs support this merger.

The MECC Board of Directors need to decide whether or not they support this addition of communities. An amendment will be needed to the IMA, specifically:

## Section 7, Additional Parties to Agreement

"The admission of any new Party shall be by vote of at least a majority of the current Parties to this agreement by their chief executive officer(s). The amendment authorizing the admission of a new Party shall set forth the capital contributions, obligations, payments and other terms and conditions pertaining to the admission of the new Party. Said amendment shall also specify any changes in quorum or voting requirements associated with the addition of such Party."

The State 911 Department has provided more current statistics relative to 911 Call Volume; one factor used to determine the cost formula in the IMA, Section 4 Finances, subsection D Cost Formula. The data provided most recently is for CY2018, and Census data from 2010, and includes data for both Mendon and Millville. This creates a new formula that the Board would need to adopt.

The State 911 Department supports this merger. The first step is for the executive officers of Mendon and Millville to submit a letter of attestation. Once received the MECC can apply for funding from the State 911 Department, through the FY2021 Development Grant. New grant guidelines allow the MECC to apply for, in the competitive grant process:

- Total (100%) assessment amounts each community pays to operate the MECC, for two consecutive grant cycles.
- The MECC can apply for 50% of the total assessment amount in the third grant cycle;
- The MECC can apply for 25% of the total assessment amount in the fourth grant cycle.
- The addition of Mendon and Millville will raise the State 911 Department Support and Incentive Grant to approximately \$1,092,086.00; further reducing assessments.

We have met with State 911 Department executives as well as the operations chiefs from member police and fire departments, and Mendon and Millville. The overall reaction is positive, knowing the MECC has some operational issues we continue to work on to improve the services we provide.

In addition to the transition awards, the MECC will apply for funding for all of the infrastructure needs for this merger. We have been actively working on obtaining quotes from our vendors.

In summary, if the addition of Mendon and Millville is approved by the Board, each community can expect drastically reduced operational costs for the next few years.