

Report of the Executive Director
Meeting of the Board of Directors WOMR/WFMR
Thursday, August 20, 2020

WFMR Transmitter:

The antenna went up on July 20th and 21st, and the equipment in the shelter was assembled on the 26th. We have been experiencing a dynamic static up until this morning (Wednesday), which Chris Kelly is working on diagnosing. According to him this could be caused by any number of things.

Summer Pledge Drive:

Chris Boles is still processing pledges but we have brought in \$65k on the air so far. The direct appeal has yielded 117 pledges equaling \$12,412 while the New Member Challenge has raised \$1,980 from 29 donations. The goal for the on-air drive was \$80k and the goal for the direct appeal was \$12k. Considering we didn't have WFMR and two of our star fund-raisers for this drive, I believe we did rather well.

Update on Building Projects:

Repairs at the transmitter shelter in Provincetown were delayed while we waited on a fence company to add an access gate so contractors can move ladders and equipment to the back of the shelter. (Access was cut off by a platform installed by T-Mobile a few years ago.) That gate was installed this week.

I thought the fourth time was the charm when I engaged Thor Baum to replace the double doors on the east side of the building. He hasn't returned my calls in the last four weeks.

The building insulation job is moving forward now that Cape Light Compact is paying for the whole upgrade project. Before they come to insulate the attic, Fire Equipment Inc. (formally Canco) will come to correct some issues with the fire suppression system in the attic.

Returning DJs:

We appear to be at 70% capacity for returning DJs. There are still more than a few who would prefer to record from home at this time. We continue to support those volunteers.

Milestones:

We lost another volunteer last month when T Gandolofu passed away on July 19th in Florida. He was diagnosed with cancer about the time he arrived in Florida last fall and kept the diagnosis mostly to himself. No memorial has been announced.

We just learned that John Perrone (who died from COVID in early April) will be buried on Friday the 21st at noon in Worcester MA. Friends and family members are invited to attend.

T (T-Bird) hosted T-Bird's Blues Ride on Thursday mornings and John (Midnight Johnny) hosted a mostly Motown-focused program on Tuesday evenings.

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