



Emergency Medical Services Commission

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School Street
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Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 30, 2024 at 5:00pm – Meeting Room A

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School Street

Video/ Teleconference video link: <https://zoom.us/j/7360902790>

Present: First Selectman Dan Carter, Fire Marshal Thomas Galliford, Director of Health Laura Vasile, Fire Chief John Baker, and Fire Chief Chris McCollam. Town Counsel, Melanie O'Brien was also present.

First Selectman Carter called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Public Comments: Charles Cywin, 37 Quaker Ridge Road

Correspondence: None

Consideration of Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 10/31/2023:

Thomas Galliford made a motion, which was seconded by Chief Chris McCollam, to approve the minutes from 10/31/2023 as written. Vote, all in favor, motion carries.

Consideration of how the Town provides emergency medical services and a possible agreement between Town agencies and discussion of Bethel Municipal Aid Agreements:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Laura Vasile, to open the topics for discussion. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries. First Selectman Carter opened the discussion by stating the need to look at how the Town provides emergency medical services. Options presented included: combining the ambulance services into one PSA (Primary Service Area) or the possibility of doing an agreement between the departments, the ambulances, and the Town. Discussion ensued. Suggestion made to use the same staffing company and billing company for both fire departments, in which case, an RFP would be necessary. Another suggestion was to explore an MOU between the fire departments and the Town and collaborate on one RFP. Town Counsel O'Brien spoke regarding the agreements and requested two EMS people from each fire department to meet with her to see what's in current agreements and suggestions for any changes that may be necessary. First Selectman Carter asked the commissioners to come to the next meeting

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with ideas as to what the proposed MOU might look like. There may be a special meeting of the commission called before the next regular meeting which is scheduled for April 30, 2024.

Thomas Galliford made a motion, which was seconded by Chief McCollam, to adjourn the meeting at 5:31pm. Vote, all in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Churchill".

Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary