

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES



Date: January 31st, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

I. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Bowdoinham Fire Department. Committee members participating were Arthur Frizzle, Fire Chief; Sarah Gardella FF/EMT; Jason Lamoreau, FF/EMT; Dave Pascarella; and Melinda Norko. No guests were in the audience.

II. Amendments to the Agenda – N/A, December 2023 minutes approved

III. Old Business –

1. Jason reported that the Maine EMS Stabilization Grant enrollment period has been extended to 3/29/24. Discussions around proposed use of funds, in order to determine a budget. Ideas included AED batteries/pads for newly acquired AEDs, classes/trainings and mobile radio upgrades for EMS responders.
2. Jason reported that the EMS recruitment flyer had been completed and will be distributed as well as printed in the next couple of town newsletters.
3. Chief Frizzle reiterated the update for the Lisbon Emergency ambulance transport contract is still a work in progress. Lisbon has presented final numbers to the town of Bowdoin and, if approved, would have final numbers for Bowdoinham. We expect a proposal will be received by the next committee meeting in March. The new contract proposal will no longer include North East Mobile Health Services, but will be directly with Lisbon Emergency.
4. Chief further presented updated information on run numbers for Bowdoinham that support the numbers presented at the December 2023 committee meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Open committee and board positions at the State level

Jason reported on information from William Montejo that the State has some open committee and board positions if anyone is interested. This includes positions on the Maine EMS Board and the State Community Paramedicine Committee.

B. AED Distribution

Chief Frizzle reported that the Fire/EMS Department received a donation of about 30 lightly used AED units from US Customs and Border Protection. Some units had

expired batteries and pads. But, there were enough good batteries and pads to service 12 units to be placed throughout the Town. It was mentioned to use some of the EMS Stabilization Grant funds, if acquired, to purchase new batteries/pads for the remaining units. Some units will also be donated to neighboring communities.

V. Review Committee Goals – The committee will continue work on the three main areas of Emergency Medical Services: Upcoming year primary transport service, possibilities for future years transport service and support/building membership for the Bowdoinham EMS Department. Three ideas for future work to support these goals were discussed including:

- a. Determining if the costs of having an in-town transport system/department may be feasible one day. Dave P. will do some research and report back.
- b. Investigate the feasibility and costs of developing a Community Paramedicine program. Committee agreed to help work with a consultant on this project, if funding could be acquired by the Age Friendly Bowdoinham committee through their grant application to the Maine Health Access Foundation. Jason will report back to the committee.
- c. Survey the town to determine what the needs are and where the gaps are in service. Melinda will report back to the committee.

VI. Action Items

Dave P. - will investigate some costs of ambulance/equipment

Jason – Will submit the Bowdoinham EMS flyer for the town newsletter.

Jason – Will present the grant proposal (Maine Health Access Foundation) for Community Paramedicine program to the Select Board and report back to EMS committee on progress.

Melinda – will develop a town survey

VII. Announce Future Meetings – Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 at 6pm at the Bowdoinham Fire Station

VIII. Adjourned – at 6:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Lamoreau, Vice Chair & Secretary