

# **TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM**

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

### **COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**



Date: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

#### **I. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm at the Bowdoinham Fire Station and on Zoom (no viewers attended). Committee members participating were Sarah Gardella, Jason Lamoreau, Dave Lewis, Melinda Norko, and Chief Arthur Frizzle. Absent was Dave Pascarella.

#### **II. Amendments to the Agenda – N/A, November 2024 minutes approved**

#### **III. Old Business –**

1. Chief Frizzle reported on the progress of an Inter-local Agreement for Ambulance service through Lisbon Emergency with the other towns of Bowdoin and Lisbon. At the last meeting for this group, they decided to take a year off from negotiations after little progress. The Town is currently waiting for Lisbon Emergency to provide a proposed contract for the upcoming fiscal year. They are expecting about a 5% increase.
2. Chief further reported that Lisbon Emergency will be applying for a Community Planning Grant through the State and plan to use the funds to contract with Rick Petrie to consult on the situation with Town of Lisbon and find the most viable option for future service.
3. Jason reported that he had met with an advisor from Maine Health Access Foundation on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to discuss the application for a Community Paramedicine study grant. The meeting went very well, and the advisor was optimistic that the board would approved the application this year. She explained that much of the material had already been provided on last year's started application. A new timeline was set beginning April 1 of this year with a goal to complete the feasibility study by January 2026. The advisor explained that if the application could be completed by the end of January 2025, they would likely fund it by March 1. Jason will complete and submit the application by January 31, 2025.
4. Melinda updated the committee on her progress with the Town EMS survey. She met with Wendy from the Solid Waste Committee to discuss their approach to a Town survey. Wendy explained that the survey happened before her service on the Solid Waste Committee. However, she recalled that the committee had used social media with many non-residents responding. Melinda suggested that the Town newsletter

should be utilized by including a stamped envelope for returning the survey. She will meet with Yvette in planning to discuss the feasibility of this option. Sarah recommended that a QR code also be utilized.

#### **IV. New Business – N/A**

**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.

#### **VI. Action Items**

Jason – will continue to work with MEHAF along with the Age Friendly Committee on the Community Paramedicine program scoping grant process

Melinda – will connect with Yvette (Planning & Development) to discuss survey

**VII. Announce Future Meetings** – Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 26th, 2025 at 6pm at the Bowdoinham Fire Station

**VIII. Adjourned – at 6:52 pm**

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Jason Lamoreau, Vice Chair & Secretary