

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES



Date: April 30th, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

I. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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, January 15th, 2025 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. Talks for this change are on hold as no progress has been made in meetings. The Town of Lisbon continues to wish for a municipal service. Chief reported that the towns of Bowdoin and Bowdoinham are “in limbo” until a decision is made by the town of Lisbon. Lisbon Emergency is looking to obtain grant money to have a self-determination study performed. This step would help determine a plan of how to move forward. Chief further reported that Bowdoinham has a solid contract in place with Lisbon Emergency for the upcoming year for ambulance transport.
2. Melinda updated the committee on her progress with the Town EMS survey. She met with the Town Planner, Yvette, to discuss the Post Office rates for mailings. 1300 pieces mailed, at the Town rate of \$0.23 per household would be a total cost of \$289.90. A 4.5” x 6” post card could be included as an insert in the flyer, with pre-paid return postage. Melinda will design a 4.5” x 6” sized survey to present at the next meeting or she will share it by email with the committee. The committee plans to have the survey ready for the September/October newsletter and Celebrate Bowdoinham 2025.

IV. New Business –

1. As part of the State funded Stabilization and Sustainability Grant, phase 2 has now been opened for applications. The EMS department is considering applying for

funding for training and equipment to move up in license level to EMT Advanced. This would be in response to the longer response times for Lisbon Emergency, our transporting agency. Funding could pay for the required training for our existing responders to increase their individual license levels. We will also be seeking funding for increased capacity/larger/more advanced equipment of which would be required to be available to EMT Advanced responders by State Law. Some of this funding could also possibly be used for a SUV/Truck type of vehicle, known as a “fly car” to carry the extra/larger equipment. Chief Frizzle will report back to the Committee as to the progress of this grant application.

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

Chief Frizzle – will work on Sustainability/Stabilization Grant phase 2 application

Melinda – will present draft survey to the committee

VII. Announce Future Meetings – Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 17th, 2025 at 6pm at the Bowdoinham Fire Station

VIII. Adjourned – at 6:52 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Lamoreau, Vice Chair & Secretary