



CITY OF GARDINER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT



Chief Richard Sieberg.

Ambulance Advisory Board

Minutes

April 12, 2021

Roll call:

Members Present (Name and town represented):

Tim Cusick- Gardiner

Bob Gross-Gardiner

Chief Rick Sieberg- Gardiner Ambulance

Tina Gowell- Litchfield

Jason Farris- Pittston

Nick Kimball- Randolph

Pat Saucier-Alt. West Gardiner

Josh Johnson-Alt. Pittston

John Bellino-Richmond

Consideration of past 11-23-2020 meeting minutes:

Motion to accept: Tina Gowell Second: Tim Cusick Vote: In favor 8 Opposed 0

Old Business:

1. Money Received from Collections

Board members brought the concept of the Ambulance keeping money collected through the collections process, using this money to offset equipment purchases. Board members indicated that select boards liked the concept, however a written process needs to be put in place. Chief Sieberg said he would develop something in time for the next meeting.

2. Staffing the Third Ambulance in Richmond during winter storms

Chief Sieberg updated the board on the success of staffing the third ambulance in Richmond during winter storms. Response times were noticeably better in the southern district of our coverage area. Ambulance coverage in the Northern district was also noticeably better with much quicker call turnaround times due shorter transport distances.

3. AFG Grant

Chief Sieberg updated the board on the Ambulance Grant (AFG). The Grant has been submitted, we should hear something by July. Chief Sieberg said Rescue 3 needs to be replaced even if the grant is not awarded.

New business:

- CPR Machine Grant

Chief Sieberg informed the board he has applied for a grant through the Steven King Foundation. If awarded, this grant will provide 100% funding for the purchase of 3 CPR machines. Chief Sieberg advised the Grant closes April 15, we should hear something 8 weeks after closing.

- Staffing the third ambulance on weekends this summer

Chief Sieberg advised the board he has asked Gardiner City Council to fund a weekend ambulance starting the Fourth of July weekend and ending the weekend following Columbus Day. The ambulance will run out of the Richmond Fire Station, providing improved coverage in our southern district, while at the same time improving coverage in the northern district. This truck will be staffed starting Friday night at 1900 and ending Sunday Night at 1900. Chief Sieberg advised this is a path towards staffing all three ambulances and improving delivery of emergency services to the whole area.

Some discussion was had with all members agreeing this is a worthwhile endeavor.

- Next Meeting is set for August 16th @ 6pm.

Motion to adjourn: by Jason Farris Seconded: Tim Cusick

Secretary: Rusty Greenleaf