

## Middleton EMS Committee Meeting July 5, 2021

**Board Members:**

Scott Ferguson, Chair	Andrea Bowden, Vice-chair
Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Secretary	Jake Bourdeau
Jim Knapp (absent)	Christine Maynard
David Morrison (absent)	John Stevens (absent)
Jon Swift (absent)	Sarah Ferrazzani

**Public:**

Brian and Jeff from the EMT/Fire department

Scott Ferguson called the meeting to order at 5:44pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Scott Ferguson.

Roxanne made a motion to accept the 6/22/2021 minutes. Jake seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Scott requested Roxanne to provide a letter of draft minutes for the 6/29/2021 meeting showing who was present and who was absent. The 6/29/2021 EMS meeting was not held as there was not a quorum. (see attached sheet)

Scott stated he would reach out to Chief Cooper regarding police representation for future EMS committee meetings.

Scott stated the Town of Wakefield was not interested in providing a proposal for providing coverage to Middleton.

Andrea stated she emailed the 2019 call numbers to the committee members. (see attached)

Scott commented that Farmington Chief Reinhardt was out of town last week and that he would be meeting with the chief on July 7.

The committee discussed what the options for coverage could be: 1) Milton providing coverage, 2) Farmington providing coverage, and 3) per diem coverage. There was discussion as to the type of coverage, whether it was full or part time coverage. Once the committee has the numbers from Farmington it will hold a workshop. The workshop will consist of "crunching" numbers and discussing the pros and cons of the various coverage options available. Once this is complete the

options will be presented to the public for their input. The committee want to be able to answer any questions that may be presented. The presentation will include previous studies.

It was stated that MRI would run the EMS committee for the sum of \$12K, however, the decision was to not engage their services.

There was discussion about Regionalized Services. Examples of this are Tilton and Northfield, Newmarket and Newfields, and Laconia and Belmont. There was discussion of this maybe be a viable option at some point down the road.

The public asked why we are not in calls for mutual aid. Jake and Andrea stated we have never been in a situation to be able to offer mutual aid. We have not had consistent coverage to provide mutual aid.

It was commented that if the town chose Per diem this would allow the town to have Fire coverage as well. The per diem EMT's that would be on duty would be able to cover fire calls as well.

Currently Middleton has 3 EMTs and 1 paramedic.

There was discussion on a Future Public Safety complex.

There was discussion regarding when we receive the numbers from Farmington that the July 13<sup>th</sup> would be a regular meeting and a workshop date would be set up. This would most likely be July 20<sup>th</sup>.

A member from the public asked what the committee asked for quotes from Milton and Farmington. It was stated the committee asked for full time coverage (24/7) and part time coverage (6am-6pm) M-F.

There was conversation about recouping money for transports. If coverage were kept in town the town would be able to recoup fees for transport whereas if the town outsourced coverage the money for transport would be recouped by the covering town.

A member of the public asked what the expectations of the Police who have the EMT training. Andrea stated we received a document at a previous EMS meeting provided by the police department on what their expectations.

Scott commented he requested the week of May 11<sup>th</sup> a copy of the contract for the police regarding EMS duties. He stated he has yet to receive a copy.

Roxanne made a motion to close the meeting and adjourn at 6:20pm. Andre a seconded, all in favor, 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roxanne Tufts-Keegan