

Preston Emergency Services Advisory Committee

April 8th 2019

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Roll Call:**

Co-Chairman Dave Paige called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Members Present: Tom Casey, Dave Paige, Russ Holland, and Jarred Harris.

Members Absent: Jim Bell

2. **Reading of Previous Minutes:**

The minutes from the January 14th meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Russ Holland, seconded by Tom Casey. Motion carried.

The minutes from the January 21st Special meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Russ Holland, seconded by Tom Casey. Motion carried.

The minutes from the January 29th Special meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Russ Holland, seconded by Tom Casey. Motion carried.

The minutes from the February 5th meeting were read. Dave Paige made a motion to amend a sentence in the minutes to read: A motion was made by Jim Bell for the committee to recommend the BOS adopt Chief Casey's 2019-2020 *personnel* budget proposal as presented to the committee. Motion passed.

A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Russ Holland, seconded by Tom Casey. Motion carried.

3. **Communications**

None

4. **Poquetanuck Ambulance Update**

Russ Holland stated the additional staffing hours being funded by POQ Ambulance is working very well to decrease response times and reduce the amount of mutual aid request.

Russ stated that currently the POQ Ambulance is contributing \$40,000 annually to the town for paid staffing.

5. **Grants**

Chief Casey reported the town was denied the Walmart Foundation Community Grant in the amount of \$4,800 to assist with communications upgrades.

Chief Casey also reported the town has applied for this year's Safer Grant.

6. **Preston Riverwalk Emergency Services**

Chief Casey reported that roads around the property have been repaired to allow emergency services to continue to have access while under construction.

7. Incentive Program

None

8. Public Safety Manning

Members of the committee took part in a presentation by Ledyard Police Department to review their proposal to provide policing services to the town.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

None

11. Public Comment

Andrew Bilodeau asked the chief and POQFD deputy chief: "With the \$20,000 additional funding from POQ ambulance will the town need to hire additional employees?" Chief responded he is able to currently fill the positions with existing staff but anticipates hiring several new per-diem employees to ensure full coverage due to employees who will need sick time, vacations etc.

12. Agenda for the April 8th meeting

- 1 Roll Call
- 2 Reading of Previous Minutes
- 3 Communications
- 4 Poquetanuck Ambulance Update
- 5 Grants Update
- 6 Preston Riverwalk Emergency Services
- 7 Incentive Program
- 8 Public Safety Manning
- 9 Unfinished Business
- 10 New Business
- 11 Public Comment
- 12 Agenda for next meeting
- 13 Executive Session (if required)
- 14 Adjournment

13. Adjourned

The motion to adjourn was made by Tom Casey, seconded by Russ Holland, and approved by the members at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jarred J. Harris

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PESAC Secretary