

**ADVISORY AMBULANCE COMMITTEE
TOWN OF MADISON
July 18, 2017
MINUTES**

Members Present – Selectman Josh L. Shackford; Fire Chief Richard Clark; Advisory Budget Committee Member Ned Rogerson; Madison Voters Carol Kramer and Lyndsey Burke

Members Absent – Advisory Budget Committee Member Nicole Nordlund

Others Present: Madison Resident Denita Dudley; Administrative Assistant Linda Shackford; Madison TV Videographer Tim Hughes

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on June 21, 2017.

Meeting Called to Order – By the Chairman at 5:37 p.m.

The Committee discussed the appointment of Denita Dudley. The Committee was in agreement to appoint. L. Shackford will double check with Moderator Epstein if the appointment is acceptable.

Motion by Chief Clark, seconded by J. Shackford to appoint Dudley as a member of the Advisory Ambulance Committee. The motion passed **unanimously**.

The Committee was given a tour of the ambulance by Chief Clark. Each compartment's purpose and equipment was explained. The medical supplies on the ambulance are the same supplies as on the contracted company's ambulance because this is licensed as a transport ambulance. If there is a paramedic in the ambulance then extra medical supplies are available.

J. Shackford asked if the ambulance has any mechanical problems. Chief Clark responded it is in excellent condition. Rogerson asked would it be possible to put this box on a new chassis and is there a limit to its life. Chief Clark could not answer that question but does have a call into the State of New Hampshire asking those kinds of questions. The ambulance is a 7.3 L diesel with 22,804 miles.

The Committee was given a tour of Rescue 1 by Chief Clark. Each compartment's purpose and equipment was explained. J. Shackford asked if it had any body issues? Chief Clark responded a few. This vehicle was purchased used in 2016 for \$13,750. It is a 1984.

Motion by Rogerson, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting as written. The motion passed **unanimously**.

Details of Ambulance including Certifications:

Chief Clark presented the most recent ambulance Inspection Deficiency Form dated 03/22/2017. The few deficiencies have been rectified and no reinspection was required. The details of the ambulance were discussed during the tour.

Ambulance Purchase Price Estimates:

More information was needed as to the details of what would be purchased before any good numbers could be found. Chief Clark heard of a recent purchase of \$250,00 but that was not a simple stock vehicle.

J. Shackford asked if the Committee was in agreement that the purchase of a completely new ambulance is off the table. The Committee agreed.

Chief Clark is familiar with a company that will come and assess the ambulance and report what needs to be done to it. J. Shackford suggested at the same time finding out how much life is in it and how long the State of NH will allow it to stay in service.

Kramer asked about staffing, are there members of the department that can staff the ambulance? Chief Clark responded that there is not enough now because the department is down in its EMT numbers, but could be in the future; adding there are several good students on the department that we are lucky to have. Chief Clark agreed with Kramer's comment that there are not always people available during the day.

It was agreed that even if the ambulance is in service the Town would still have a contract with an ambulance company. The committee reviewed the annual payment schedule for the contract which will be renegotiable in 2020:

2015	\$28,350.00
2016	\$84,079.96
2017	\$85,760.54
2018	\$87,475.75
2019	\$87,475.75
2020	\$87,475.75

Kramer expressed her concern of having the personnel to operate the ambulance. Clark hopes that looking forward the ambulance will be available if necessary with the department building up membership over the years. Kramer asked how long an EMT needs to train. Dudley responded 120 hours with recertification every two years requiring 40 hours of training.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Burke to adjourn. The motion passed **unanimously**.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Madison Town Hall Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford, Administrative Assistant
Recording Secretary