

**ADVISORY AMBULANCE COMMITTEE
TOWN OF MADISON
JUNE 20, 2017
MINUTES**

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

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 6, 2017.

Meeting Called to Order – By the Chairman at 5:38 p.m.

Introductions: Members of the Committee introduced themselves starting with Selectman Josh Shackford; Advisory Budget Committee Members Ned Rogerson and Nicole Nordlund; Madison Voters Carol Kramer and Lyndsey Burke; and Fire Chief Richard Clark joined the meeting later.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

J. Shackford asked for a nomination for Chairman of the Committee. Motion by Nordlund, seconded by Rogerson to nominate J. Shackford as Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Shackford read Article 9 as voted upon at the March 2017 Town Meeting:

***Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to establish an Ambulance Committee consisting at minimum of the following residents: one Selectman, two Advisory Budget Committee members, Fire Chief, one resident EMT member of the Madison Fire Department and two Madison voters. Said committee will be charged with bringing information sufficient to vote at 2018 Town Meeting for a replacement Ambulance. Said committee will conduct open meetings, keep records of all meetings and decisions and comply fully with RSA 91-A. The Moderator will make the appointments.*

J. Shackford explained that this Article came to be through discussion at Budget Hearing Meetings about putting an Article with a dollar amount on the warrant towards the consideration of a new ambulance. The thought of the confusion that could be caused, since the Town has an ambulance contract, had the Selectmen decide to offer the option at the 2017 Town Meeting to form a committee to bring information to the 2018 Town Meeting.

Madison is one of few towns in the area that has its own ambulance; we do not have a regular staff to man it.

The ambulance contract was discussed. Copies will be made available for members along with the annual payment schedules.

Two questions this committee is charged with are 1) What would it cost to fix the ambulance already owned by the town? And, 2) What would be the cost to replace the ambulance?

Discussion of the types of rescue equipment and how it is utilized by the Fire Department was made by the Committee. Dudley recommended the Committee visit the Fire Department and review the equipment.

Chief Clark joined the meeting.

The committee asked Clark what are the deficiencies of the ambulance owned by the Town. Clark stated there aren't really any. There were some electrical issues that were resolved and it generates smoke because of the diesel engine. Clark would like to find out how standards for the ambulance work; must it meet those of when it was built or current. The ambulance currently has a valid license with the State of New Hampshire. EMS Captain Mike Mauro does the ambulance licensing for the department.

Clark explained how the process works for responses of emergency vehicles including rescue truck, contracted ambulance and town owned ambulance. The rescue truck has no patient transport capabilities. The contracted ambulance is called with an ambulance response almost always readily available. In the case of a delayed response, the Madison ambulance can respond with EMT personnel to administer care. To transport necessitates two licensed EMTs. Any member of the department can drive the ambulance to a call. The Madison ambulance is considered a back-up to the contracted services.

J. Shackford commented that there have been very few problems with the ambulance company service over the last two years. Clark added that snowy conditions are always an issue and Kramer commented that the some of the terrain of Eidelweiss is difficult.

The committee agreed that the next meeting will be held at the Fire Station for a tour of the equipment. Clark will ensure an EMT will be present for questions. Clark will also gather details about the ambulance including a copy its last certification with Nordlund and Rogerson looking into prices of ambulances. L. Shackford will distribute copies of the ambulance contract and contract payment schedule.

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, July 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Madison Fire Station.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford, Administrative Assistant
Recording Secretary