

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS, VERMONT

SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

Monday, June 29, 2020

Middletown Springs FireHouse

7:00 PM

Meeting called to Order at 7:10 PM by Chair, Terry Redfield.

Participants present included Kevin Eaton, Darryl Haynes, James Reed representing the Middletown Springs First Response; and Carl Haynes (SelectBoard and First Response), Neil Russell, and Terry Redfield.

Terry began the Meeting by stating that no decision impacting the Town's voters will be made here tonight. Terry had called Katrina Davenport of the Poultney Rescue Squad this morning (Monday, June 29) and explained that the Select Board is still trying to come to grips with this organizational divorce. Terry asked for a two-week extension from Poultney Rescue before the insurance and workmen's comp components of the MS First Response squad are 'dropped' from Poultney Rescue's master coverage. Katrina indicated that she would follow up and grant us this extra time to get things straightened out.

Other discussion ensued regarding if MS First Response is not part of Poultney Rescue Squad, what are the – Workmen's Comp, vehicle insurance liability, member liability, and Dispatching costs? Our members indicate that it appears that Poultney Rescue is transitioning to a full paid staff rather than continuing the long-standing volunteer organization.

Options m-a-y be: Town umbrella; separate EIN; leave as is. A 2019 estimate last year was approximately \$1100 for including the First Response in the Town's VLCT PACIF coverage: (\$800 vehicle, \$100 per person Workmen's Comp estimate).

Entity under the Town may offer the distinct possibility of recruiting more local volunteers willing to serve the First Response and n-o-t be affiliated with Poultney Rescue Squad.

Questions to be worked out include can the First Response be set up as a Town Agency as a stand-alone subsidiary or department. What are the Emergency Responder licensing renewal requirements. Terry will contact VLCT, Gary Kupferer (Town Attorney), and Ray Walker, EMS Programs Administrator of the Vermont Department of Health.

Meeting Adjourned 8:20 PM. Motion made by Carl; seconded Neil. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Redfield