

Fire Rescue Planning Committee Minutes July 10, 2023

Meeting called to order at 10:10 AM

Members attending: Chief Wallace, Chief Mercier, Chief Pough, Jonathan Burbank, John Pearson, Kevin Johnson, Peter Nikitas, Art Howe, and Kristi Eiane

Guest attending: Ted Merriman, OBIFD

Motion to approve minutes of previous meeting with 3 changes (spelling to Pearson, guests, and deletion of fiscally responsible sentence). Approved

Discussion of Fire Rescue services within Comprehensive Plan draft. Art Howe started in 2017, not 2015.

Town's financial role in public safety needs to be written in and is substantial. The trend is town taking a larger financial and increasingly meaningful role.

John Pearson says the document should show both hard and soft costs. Quantify the trends to some degree.

Document should state a strong partnership between town and volunteer companies. It should reassure people that the Fire/Rescue services are planning for the future.

There is a September deadline for inclusion of our portion of the plan.

Chief Wallace suggests several people to look at editing and coming up with some draft language. Jonathan Burbank and John Pearson will handle this.

Consensus to hold next meeting with Comprehensive Plan consultant on Thursday July 20th at 1:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM

Respectfully,

Art Howe, Fire Administrator

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