

Town of Otis
Selectboard
EMS Working Group
Meeting Minutes
Town Hall Conference Room
1 North Main Road, Otis, MA 01253
Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 6:00 PM

This meeting will be held in person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend. A remote option is offered via zoom with the link provided below.

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Topic: EMS Working Group
Time: Jan 30, 2025 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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Attendance: Gary Thomas, Larry Southard, Terry Gould, Brandi Page, Jim Crandall, Jeff Blanchard, Fred Freeman, Rick Phair, Brittany Phair, B.J. O'Brien, Lisa D'Orazio,

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Discussion: Rescue Squad has obtained legal counsel. They have been advised they would petition the Attorney General's office to dissolve and would prove the assets being turned over. The AG's office requires an explanation and proof of no outstanding debts. Group discussed call volume and potential staffing models. Brandi suggested the Select Board and Finance Committee agree on a budget for FY26 at their first budget meeting. She can relay that back to the working group members and they can draft some staffing models for the next meeting. The target will be efficient shift rotation with an attractive pay scale to retain and attract qualified personnel. Supply vendors will need to be switched over and employees on boarded to the Town's payroll. Discussion about the age of the ambulance, replacement timeline and benefits of keeping the older as a backup when the time comes. Fred stressed that once the operation is built and the structure creates the capacity to have comprehensive response we will see the demand grow. Jeff agreed. The tentative goal is to be 24/7 within a couple years. Next meeting Feb 24th at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: 7:19 PM