

Town of Otis
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EMS Working Group
Meeting Minutes
Town Hall Conference Room
1 North Main Road, Otis, MA 01253
Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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Topic: EMS Working Group
Time: Feb 24, 2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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Attendance: Gary Thomas, Terry Gould, Brandi Page, Jim Ebitz, Jeff Blanchard, Fred Freeman, Chris Bouchard, Brittany Phair, Frank Abbot, Lisa D'Orazio and Max Sulik.

Call to Order: 6:35 PM

Discussion: Discussion about staffing within the starting budget. Will be able to maintain current staffing and make the transition. The hope is to go to 24/7 within a year. Brandi had budgeted an additional three full time employees but it should be four. She will go back to the health insurance budget and make adjustments. The question came up if ORS intended on pulling all four quarters of their FY25 budget. Chris stated the advisory board is planning to meet and he can hopefully get the status on the financials. Fred asked if our rates are competitive with Comstar and what we are billing. Comstar provides a top 75 report so we will look at that and see if our rates are good. They will now be considered municipal rates. Fred also talked about establishing a small committee that will review hardship applications from people that are not able to pay. Brandi asked for job descriptions to be sent over and she will need to set up the EMT's on the pay scale. Next meeting TBD after Chris has met with ORS and we are past our STM.

Adjournment: 7:46 PM