

Bartlett Jackson Ambulance Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2023 at 2:30 pm
Unofficial Until Approved

Attendees: Barbara Campbell, Chairman, Frank DiFruscio, Bob Thompson, Vicki Garland, Rick Murnick, Rob Reiners, and Sue Gaudet.

Visitors: Jim Wasco and Hank Benesh

1. The Meeting was called to order

2. For Discussion and/or Motions:

a. Updates on recent/future call volume

Rob said calls are up, and that should continue through the year. They are staying busy. Barb asked about equipment needs, inventory and supplies, and asked if what they had budgeted was enough. Sue said they were doing okay, and reviewed their income. Payroll is one of the larger expenses right now. There have also been some expenses with the truck.

i. Fire - CO/Technical Rescue calls

Rob spoke to Chief Currier about possibly having the ambulance get called out for more calls than they currently do. He has not had a chance to speak to Chief Henry yet. Rob said it could take workload off of the officers knowing that an ambulance is already on the way. Other towns already have it set up where an ambulance will come to all calls in case they are needed. Both Fire Chiefs would need to sign a letter agreeing to the change, so that the Ambulance can get toned for all calls.

b. Updates on training

i. *Mobile Integrated Health*

This program is outside of 911 calls. It is similar to the old doctor house call system with the goal to keep people out of the emergency room. Barbara had asked Rob about this, since he had attended a training on it. It would take some work off of the visiting nurses. It's something that may be good to consider for the future, but staffing and other factors probably wouldn't work right now. Rick did mention that some of it is already in place with neighbors helping neighbors and Jackson's Neighbor Care program. This is a New Hampshire Program.

ii. *Instructor I*

Rob has started a training that once he has completed, will allow him to bring more professional trainings to this area.

iii. *Inter-department training*

Rob said that the Ambulance has made a commitment to inter-department training. This will help make working with the fire and police easier, as they will be able to work together as well as know and understand each other's equipment.

Sue mentioned a possible software program that would eliminate duplicate entries for billing. She will look into prices.

c. Heart Safe Communities

This is a National Initiative, administered at the State level. Its goal is to decrease the morbidity and mortality due to sudden cardiac arrest at hospitals. It is a certification that your town is actively working to improve cardiac arrest outcomes and increase survivability. Rob discussed the requirements to get this certification. Rob asked the Board if they had interest in pursuing this certification.

d. Community and provider safety

Rob mentioned that the Ambulance team looks to the Police Departments for immediate response to calls, and support thereafter.

e. Staffing

Four new members are in the process of being trained and coming on board. Pay and a new structure will be a discussion for budget hearings.

Rick went over results of a survey that was given to all Ambulance members. Rick was pleased with the results.

f. Financial Updates

Sue further reviewed year to date finances. The Ambulance normally doesn't do fundraisers, but this year they were invited by Bartlett Rec, and raised over \$1,000.

g. Any additional items - There were no additional items.

3. Upcoming Meetings:

a. October 11th, 2023 @ Bartlett Town Office at 5:30pm

4. Public Comment

Jim commended the Ambulance for their work, and also provided some ideas for long term planning.

5. Non-Public Session - N/A

6. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Erik Atwell

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