

Minutes

Emergency Medical Services Planning and Building Committee

Meeting August 22, 2023

7:00 pm

Easton Public Library Conference Room and Zoom

Present: Bill Andrews, Jon Arnold, Wendy Bowditch, Michael Gutowski, John Foley, Rob Klem, Victor Malindretos, Jim McCarthy

Guests: David Bindelglass, First Selectman, Adam Goldstein Asst Chief EMS and Paco Acosta, EMS, Mike Ohradan Easton resident

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.
2. The minutes were reviewed from July 25, 2023. Motion made by Rob Klem to approve, seconded by Jim McCarthy. Motion passed. John Foley abstained.
3. Option to Renovate current building based on current 6282 sf increasing to 8400 sf coming in less difficult than originally thought. Zoning should be ok as it uses current footprint. Will need to consider any septic or well changes if necessary. Also need to consider purchase of land between EMS and EVS to facilitate ambulances and other vehicles entering/exiting the side of the building. Estimates and renderings to be requested to Turner. Option for Firehouse additions will be looked at for renderings, pricing and zoning based on 2 bays for about 7060 sf, 3 bays for 7360 sf or 4 bays at 9340 sf.
4. Call data was reviewed. Mutual aid is necessary due to lack of EMS personnel in the area in general. Call data must include mutual aid as it is also a source of billable income. Perhaps full-time coverage could be considered in the future. Considerations of reporting, billing, coordinating of volunteers, classes, certifications and maintenance are all functions of day to day operations that fall under call data.
5. The committee would like to present data to the BOF at a special meeting on September 18. This will give the committee time to gather data and put together a comprehensive presentation for the BOF.
6. Email was received from Adam Goldstein Asst Chief of EMS who was present at the meeting and his concerns were discussed.
7. Motion to adjourn was made by John Foley and seconded by Rob Klem. Motion passed unanimously at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Wendy Bowditch, Secretary.