

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN
WILLIAMSTOWN SELECTBOARD INFORMATIONAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2023 – PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Present: Larry Hebert, Clayton Woodworth, Chris Wade, Scott McCarthy, Chris Peloquin

Town Manager, Jackie Higgins

Call to Order: Larry called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Set the Agenda: Chris P. made the motion to approve agenda, Clayton seconded. So moved.

Review of Open Public Comments

Selectboard Announcements: n/a

Public Announcements: n/a

New Business:

Discussion of Barre Town EMS Proposal to Contract Williamstown Ambulance Services:

Larry opened the discussion regarding the proposal with Chris Violet (Barre Town Manager), Gordon Murray (Williamstown Ambulance Director) and David Danforth (Barre Town EMS).

David spoke on behalf of the proposed services that Barre Town EMS would provide for Williamstown. He explained the medical coverage as well as copays that the Williamstown resident would be responsible for as well.

Matt Rouleau suggested that Contracted Services has worked well in the past for Williamstown, and this would also.

Chris Dessureau questioned the billing for Williamstown residents.

Scott asked Jackie if the cost would be the same for the Tax Payers. Jackie stated that the Medical Billing offsets the raise in taxes.

Rama Schnieder questioned if there is an actual contract in place. Larry stated that this was only a proposal for the town to discuss. Rama also asked if this would be voted on at the Town Meeting.

Tyler Mitchell questioned the billing as well as the Bid process.

Holden asked if there would be a probationary period for Williamstown since the proposal states that Barre Town has a probationary period?

Rodney Graham asked about having the Williamstown service staffed full-time. Pay the fulltime employees a higher rate.

Conrad Beattie asked if the town could vote to enter into negotiations with Barre Town Ems.

Mike Macaskill questioned the Ambulance going to Barre Town. David explained that the Ambulance and supplies would be used and upgraded for the service.

William Graham questioned how the crew felt about the proposal, also if they knew about it before the discussions had begun.

Barbara Graham stated that other things in town have required a town vote, this should too.

Russell Ashe spoke regarding staffing for the Ambulance. He also requested that this process slow down. Gordon asked to extend the proposed start date of July 1, 2024 and pay an hourly rate to Barre Town for coverage.

Tyler Mitchell asked about the call volume and coverage from Barre Town. Gordon stated that 33% per week of coverage time was provided to aide Williamstown.

Larry asked to hands to put before the Town Meeting for a vote. 37+ attendees voted.

Around the Table

Executive Session: 10 Minute recess taken at 9:03pm. Entered Executive Session at 9:15pm, excised at 10:29pm, No action taken.

Adjourn: Chris P. made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30, Chris W. seconded. So moved.


Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Keys

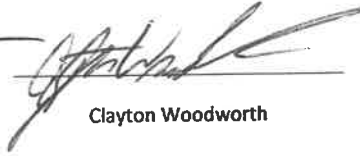


Scott McCarthy

Chris Wade



Larry Hebert



Clayton Woodworth



Chris Peloquin