

# Preston Emergency Services Advisory Committee

January 18<sup>th</sup> 2022

## Rescheduled Regular Meeting Minutes

### **1. Roll Call:**

Co-Chairman David Paige called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Members Present: David Paige, PES Chief Keith Wucik, PQVFD Deputy Chief Russ Holland, and PCVFD Deputy Chief Jarred Harris.

Members Absent: Excused Jim Bell.

### **2. Reading of Previous Minutes:**

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from 10/10/21 was made by Russ Holland and seconded by David Paige.

Motion Passed. 4-0

### **3. Communications**

The Committee received a letter from First Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier thanking the group for their participation in the selection of a new Fire Chief.

### **4. Poquetanuck Ambulance Update**

Russ Holland distributed to the 2021 Ambulance Billing financial report to the committee. We reviewed the amounts being held by Poquetanuck owed to the town for capital improvements and paid staffing.

Chief Wucik would like to discuss the possibility Of Preston Emergency Services taking over the Ambulance legal and financial responsibilities. Poquetanuck Ambulance holds the PSA (Primary Service Area Provider) with the town currently and would need to transfer this agreement.

### **5. Grants**

Chief Wuick reported the SAFER (Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant is due by FEB 4<sup>th</sup> . He will be checking with First Selectwoman Sandra Allyn-Gauthier to see what will be supported in regards to grant staffing requests prior to applying.

No AFG was requested due timing with the change in leadership.

Jarred Harris motioned for PESAC to fully support Chief Wuick intention to request at least 4 full time employees through the SAFER act grant. Russ Holland seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 4-0

**6. *Preston Riverwalk Emergency Services***

Jarred Harris motioned to temporarily remove Preston Riverwalk Emergency Services from future agendas until such time as development planning activity begins. Dave Paige seconded the motion.  
Motioned passed 4-0

**7. *Public Safety Manning***

Chief Wuick was welcomed to the committee.

**8. *Old Business***

None

**9. *New Business***

Chief Wuick stated he would be requesting funding for a new Vehicle to replace his, this fiscal year. Chief's current vehicle will be cycled down to replace the existing 2007 service truck with 197,000 miles on it.

Chief Wuick reminded the committee of the remaining \$550,000 in the 2015 Capitol Bond set aside to replace the 1989 Pumper truck at Poquetanuck. PES & PQFD will begin the process of putting together request for proposal packages soon. The current manufacture and delivery times have now exceeding 425-500 days. There's also a possibility additional funds may be necessary due to inflation of materials cost.

**10. *Public Comment***

None

**11. *Agenda for the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting***

1. Roll Call
2. Reading of Previous Minutes
3. Communications
4. Poquetanuck Ambulance Update
5. Grants Update
6. Public Safety Manning
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Public Comment
10. Agenda for Next Meeting
11. Executive Session (if required)
12. Adjournment

**12. *Adjourned***

The motion to adjourn was made by Dave Paige, seconded by Russ Holland, and approved by the members at 7:30 p.m

Respectfully submitted,  
Jarred J. Harris  
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PESAC Secretary