

**Regional Selectmen's Meeting
Ossipee Town Hall Conference Room
Thursday, January 15, 2015**

The Regional Selectmen's Meeting took place at 6:00 PM on the evening of Thursday, January 15, 2015 in the Conference Room at the Ossipee Town Hall. The following were in attendance:

From the Town of Ossipee: Selectman Richard Morgan, Selectman Robert Freeman, Selectman Franklin Riley and Ellen White, Town Administrator

From the Town of Effingham: Selectman Timothy Eldridge, Selectman Lawrence Edwards, and Selectman Henry Spencer.

From the Town of Madison: No one present

From the Town of Freedom: Selectman Les Babb and Selectman Neal Boyle

From the Town of Eaton: Selectman Rick Young, Selectman Dick Fortin and Lianne Boelzner, Town Administrator

From the Town of Tamworth: Selectman John Roberts, Selectman James Hidden and Selectman Steve Gray, and Cassandra Pearce, Town Administrator

Also in attendance were Carl Huddleston, Michael Brownell, and Adam Riley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM.

The average call volume was reported as follows: Ossipee – 888; Freedom – 263; Effingham – 193; and Eaton – 40. Tamworth will report their average call volume next week. White will request Madison's volume for next week also.

Selectman Gray discussed an idea to have each town pay an equal share to have the ambulance service then base the balance on call volume. Selectman Roberts stated that it would not be fair to Effingham and Eaton.

Selectman Edwards stated that one town is already paying the total regional price so the contract should be signed as soon as possible. Selectman Morgan added that ambulance service is no longer available for \$200,000 per year especially where the ambulance is only collecting \$0.20 on the dollar.

Selectman Eldridge stated that the call volume should be used to calculate the amounts for each town to bring to their Town Meeting. The first year would include the current tri-town figures and the subsequent years being based on actual numbers.

White will confirm the numbers from Tamworth and Madison and compile a spreadsheet of the cost for each town and forward it. The question arose of what will happen if the call volume should change. It was determined that the 3-year average will carry forward for the contract.

Brief discussion took place on the centralized location. Morgan stated that the 6-year contract should enable CarePlus to secure a committed location.

Selectman Spencer made a motion to send a letter of acceptance to CarePlus with a condition of contingency based on unanimous approval at Town Meetings. Selectman Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Discussion took place on whether a Warrant Article should be drafted to ratify the contract.

Being no further input, Selectman Spencer made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen White

Town Administrator – Town of Ossipee