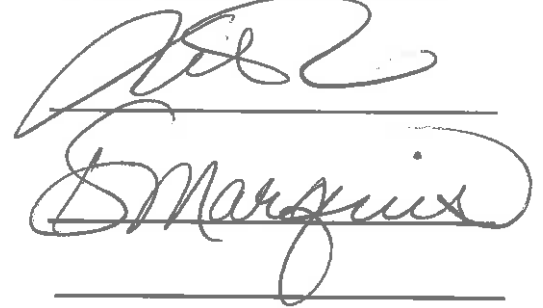


**Selectmen's Meeting
Town of Bowdoin, Maine**

July 31, 2017

A true record is recorded:



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Present were:

Marc Bernier

Deborah Marquis

6:30 PM Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative:

Selectmen reviewed and signed and/or initialed the following:

- Abatements for R 1698 and P110
- Minutes for July 24th
- Town credit card statement of July 8th
- Bonds for Treasurer, Tax Collector and Deputy
- MDOT LRAP report
- Comcast agreement for residential services
- MSAD 75 notices of meetings and agendas on August 2 and August 3
- Planning Board minutes for July 11, 2017

Attendees:

Tom Garrepy

From Lisbon Emergency

James MacDonald, Chief of EMS

Sarah Palmer, Board Member and paramedic

Scott Smith, Board Member paramedic and trainer

John Cordts, Captain

Scott Smith went over the services offered by Lisbon Emergency, the history of the services, their assets and the increasing costs of fiscal operations.

Deb asked if Lisbon Emergency is an entity on its own. Scott said yes.

Lisbon Emergency is currently servicing the towns of Lisbon and Bowdoin. Scott explained that due to unforeseen payroll expenses Lisbon Emergency, in the current fiscal year of 2017-2018, is facing its biggest deficit in its history. Due to the minimum wage laws and being the second lowest service in the State for paramedic hourly rate, they are being forced to increase wages. They have put on hold all capital improvements except those needed to provide EMS service during this fiscal year. They are predicting a zero balance in their capital improvement savings by the end of this fiscal year with a significant amount of their liquid capital used to continue operations. He said calls in the Town of Bowdoin bring in an estimated \$45,500 per year in revenue. If they are unable to reach a contract with Bowdoin in December's contract this will further accelerate the time to when they reach a zero balance and their ability to meet expenses.

Tom asked where is the progress in talking with Lisbon right now. He said they are researching this.
Marc said the Selectmen cannot commit to this type of agreement, It would be up to the Townspeople at Town Meeting.

Scott said Lisbon Emergency will use funds from the Capital Improvement account (\$100,000) to support EMS coverage for 2017-2018. This fund would be replaced over three years by Bowdoin and Lisbon based on per capita rate of \$2.84.

The Town of Lisbon will be reaching out to Bowdoin.

The Town of Topsham is not willing to take on Bowdoin, they are in negotiations with Bowdoinham.

Northeast is not staffed well enough to take us on.

The Bowdoin Selectmen said they will research this and will also be reaching out to the Town of Lisbon.

Dana Morgan was in to talk to the Selectmen about information he has learned about the definition of a public easement. It is his belief that 4-wheelers cannot be given public access under this definition.

He asked if Clint has ever approached the selectmen at any point in time for permission to use a public easement for four wheelers. The Selectmen did not recall they ever ~~has~~ ^{has}.

He suggested a warrant article to clarify a public right of way for the Townspeople.

The Selectmen said they would make no decisions on this question without first consulting an attorney if it comes to that point.

Adjournment: At 8:00 PM Marc made a motion to adjourn, Deb seconded and the meeting adjourned.