Rescue Committee Meeting

3/27/18

Town Office

**Present:**

David Cherry

Ernie Friedli

Claudia Voight

Dawn Boyer

Maureen Bell

Eileen Widger

JoJo Chlebogiannis

Sally Hoover

Meeting was called to order at 4 pm by Maureen Bell

**Housekeeping from Maureen:**

* Committees of Town need to be Warned and subject to open meeting laws
* Most important to note is that communication outside of the meeting is not allowed. The Committee needs to be together to discuss Committee business.
* Outside of the Meeting it cannot be a quorum – if two or three individuals from the Committee want to discuss part of the business they can, as long as it is not the majority.

**Purpose of Meeting:**

* This is the first organizational Meeting for the newly formed Rescue Committee
* Announcement of the Committee inviting individuals to join have been posted in various locations – the Town Office, Meeting House bulletin board, at the School and Firehouse
* There are 7 Members present at this Meeting
* The overall purpose of the Meeting aside of forming the Committee is to research Rescue Inc. and determine if as a Town we should utilize this service to help expedite and improve our Emergency response system
  + What are the benefits over and above our current system?
  + What are the negative aspects?
  + Cost involved

**History:**

* Ernie Friedli gave the group the history of how this Committee came to be formed and distributed a letter to the group (copy attached)
  + He initially saw Rescue Inc. installing a sign for “sign up” which peaked his interest to do research on this organization and if it could improve the response time for emergencies to Windham residents
  + Ernie has personally experienced 4 episodes when an ambulance was needed in an emergency and it was delayed for a long period of time
  + This was concerning to Ernie as every minute in an emergency impacts life – this was catalyst behind peaking his interest in finding out about Rescue Inc.
  + Ernie feels it is important for Windham to explore the pros and cons of utilizing Rescue Inc.

**Rescue Committee Formed:**

* Before moving forward a motion by Ernie to form a Committee was made via his indication that someone needs to Chair this Committee
  + David Cherry was nominated as Chair by Ernie
    - All approved
  + Dawn Boyer stepped forward as Co-Chair
    - All approved
  + Claudia Voight – Secretary
    - All approved

**Setup possible meeting:**

* Ernie commented that it would be good to reach out to Rescue Inc. and ask them to come to do presentation and address questions
* David Cherry will put together a list of questions, a few discussed at meeting are:
  + Average response time
  + Type of equipment they provide
  + Service area
  + How is hospital selected
  + What/who is their backup
  + Is it a 501-3C
  + What services do other towns provide that Rescue Inc. doesn’t
  + What does the signup fee include – how many trips to hospital..etc.
  + Qualifications of professionals responding

**Outreach to surrounding Towns and services discussed:**

* Sally Hoover will reach out to Londonderry Rescue for information
* Dawn to approach Jamaica
* David Cherry will call siren
* JoJo will handle Townshend
* Do they need to cover whole Town or can it be partial by “signup basis”

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 11th at 10 a.m. at the Town Office

There will be monthly meetings