

TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS

PRESENT: F. J. Ferreira, Jr., Chairman; S. C. Volpone, Jr., T. C. Tocci, Selectmen;
E. N. Small, Town Administrator; L. A. Ruest, Administrative Assistant

FIRE CHIEF: J. M. Lord provided a history of the Fire Department's handling of medical calls since the 1970s and compared recent responses with that of the services provided by American Medical Response (AMR). He stated that members of the Department are willing to make a commitment to the effort of taking over ambulance service from AMR.

He also reviewed financial information that relates to the cost of the service provided by AMR and that of the Department. He noted that receipts from transports are deposited to fund established for the use of purchasing a new fire truck. A copy of his outline is attached to these minutes. In conclusion, he provided information to support the Department taking over the responsibility of ambulance service for the Town as well as suggestions to reduce the cost of the contract with AMR should the Board decide to renew that contract.

Discussion took place with respect to costs, mutual aid from area towns, availability of volunteers and response times, liability, insurance, maintenance/replacement of the ambulance, the need for permanent full-time personnel, and additional compensation for time spent at the hospital.

A workshop with AMR is scheduled for October 4, 2006, 10 a.m.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

MOTION: T. C. TOCCI
SECOND: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.
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