

**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

**AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE (AMBULANCE SERVICE) AND FIRE**

**DEPARTMENT:** The purpose of this meeting is to review contract services with AMR as well as discuss the Fire Department's willingness and ability to get more involved in calls.

Members of AMR (Mark Jacobs, Rick Viola, and Paul Robidas) were present. Fire Chief J. M. Lord was present.

AMR representatives explained the ways in which services are provided to Hampton Falls. It was noted that the area is broken into two regions (MA/NH and NH/ME) and that ambulances respond from these areas as well as the station on Kensington Road. The station on Kensington Road is not a location for a dedicated ambulance, however, is a posting location for an ambulance. It is more likely that an ambulance would be posted at the Kensington Road site during overnight hours. Services provided under contract are Basic Life Support services.

It was stated that AMR's mission is to keep an ambulance on post as much as possible. Monthly reports are provided to the Town office showing activity. Discussion of ambulance costs and revenues versus expenses took place. AMR depends on non-emergency ambulance revenue to offset costs. A decrease in calls represents a decrease in revenue.

Question was raised at whether there is some way to take the two sources (AMR and Fire Department) and combine the scheduling to reduce the overall cost to the Town. Discussion took place with respect to options to do so. Concern was raised that if volume is lost then revenue is lost.

J. M. Lord noted that revenues from ambulance fees are dedicated to a fund to purchase future apparatus. Suggestion to consider a combined bill was made.

It was determined that AMR and J. M. Lord would review the agreement, statistics and billing in order to return to the Board with a proposal at its November 1 meeting.

J. M. Lord requested that Board consider the Fire Department taking over nights or weekends and that the cost of the contract be reduced to reflect a similar cost of neighboring towns (East Kingston \$14,000).

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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