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## Advisory Board Meeting Minutes January 28, 2020

Called to order 6:16pm; adjourned at 7:41pm

Committee Members Present: Brian Boyle, Ann Hurd, Connie Benjamin, Craig Lauer, Joe Myerson, Jessica Colangelo

### Agenda:

- Review of Fire/EMS budget:
  - Review of fire chief salary; explanation of base salary and additional stipends.
  - Review of wages; increase due to running in negative over last few years on both fire and EMS sides. Increase in calls and services needed has led to increased service provision and increase in wages.
  - Budget reflects shifting of cost centers and consolidation under wages.
  - Increase in Coastal Medical Billing due to billing structure with vendor: 5% of medical bill paid to them as fee, with increase use there will be increased billing and more paid to vendor.
  - Gas increase due to purchase of command vehicle that runs on gasoline; this was not a cost previously.
  - Fire pond project est. at \$21,000 per pond. Have applied for grant to assist in offsetting cost (grant amount is \$2000 if awarded). General practice has been to budget for 1 pond per year. Unspent money can be encumbered to next fiscal year if needed.
  - Budget approved as submitted (\$541,733).
- Review of Advanced Life Support (ALS) proposal:
  - Move from previous ALS provider to Gardner in December, effective immediately and creating gap in proximal ALS services to Bolton residents.
  - Proposal of two-tier medical dispatch.
  - Allows for billing of actual services .
  - Anticipated implementation at earliest 7/1/2020.
  - Proposed budget approved as submitted (\$177,000).
- Review of Board of Health:
  - Landfill/Well monitoring: Budget approved as submitted.
  - Board of Health Human Services: Budget approved as submitted.
  - Nursing: Budget approved as submitted (\$52,695).
- Review of Building Inspection:
  - New code books expected by June 2020.
  - Budget approved as submitted (\$34,064).