

**EMERGENCY SERVICES EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE  
TOWN OF WILLINGTON  
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 9, 2023**

Members present: Peter Tanaka; Chairman and Board of Finance, From Wellington Fire Department #1 (WFD#1): Alex Moore; Chief, Ron Gantick; President, Stuart Cobb; Assistant Chief, From Wellington Hill Fire Department (WHFD): Tom Snyder; Chief, Mike Makuch; Lieutenant/Selectman, James Knight, President.

**1. Call to Order.**

The meeting of the Emergency Services Efficiency Committee was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on May 9, 2023 by Chairman Peter Tanaka.

**2. Seating of Alternates.**

There were no alternates to seat.

**3. Present to Speak.**

No one was present to speak.

**4. Chairman's Minute.**

Chairman Tanaka thanked everyone for sticking with the Committee, he feels they have accomplished a lot.

**5. Old Business.**

a. Mold Update Station 13

Chairman Tanaka asked Chief Moore for an update on the mold issue at Station 13. Chief Moore stated that the insurance company is not going to cover the building or anything in it. They met with the BOS to let them know where WFD#1 is on this issue. They sent a letter to the BOS and the BOF and Chairman Tanaka to let everyone know what is going on. The letter to the BOF was sent two weeks ago and they have not heard back yet from the BOF. They need their issue to get on the agenda for the BOF and are waiting to hear back from them. Chief Moore then explained the damage and stated that it will cost about \$35,000.00 just to clean it all up. Further discussion was had on what must be done at Station 13, the money needed, how to go about getting the money for it, etc. The crew is adjusting to being at Station 213, but it is not ideal and response times have changed a little but not that much.

Selectman Makuch left the meeting at 6:45 pm.

b. "Buildings Closed" Web Update

Chief Moore stated that he had sent an email regarding updating the present status with the fire departments, but to date it has not been changed. Chairman Tanaka mentioned for everyone to keep an eye on it and see if it updates.

c. CIP Discussion

Chairman Tanaka mentioned that even though CIP isn't meeting right now, it is a good idea to be thinking of what both departments need to request. A discussion was had on some ideas needed for CIP and thinking out further than the 5-year plan to what is needed in the next 20 years.

d. Town of Union Discussions

Chief Moore stated that they are working with the Town of Union regarding payment for calls, but he does not have a figure on that yet. Chairman Tanaka was happy with the fact that they are working on that and he is not concerned about a price at this time.

e. Interstate Calls/State Forest Calls

Chairman Tanaka stated that the State fund that pays departments to responding to calls on the highway is under funded and now the State wants to draw from that under funded fund to pay for calls in State forests and parks. Assistant Chief Cobb stated that the State forests and parks fund is still in legislation and has not passed yet. Assistant Chief Cobb then explained how the fund worked, etc. Assistant Chief Cobb will get the State statute regarding that fund to Chairman Tanaka, who is looking into it by speaking to our State Representative and State Senator. Further discussion was had on this subject and also on Medicare/Medicaid payments. Chairman Tanaka would like the Committee to take some action on this issue.

**6. New Business.**

a. Mutual Aid

Chairman Tanaka asked how the mutual aid with the ambulance has been going, and Chief Moore stated that for the last couple of months they have been going to Tolland a lot as Tolland is down an ambulance and not going to Stafford quite as much. Chairman Tanaka feels this is a Town Manager/First Selectman issue not an issue that can be settled by the Fire Chiefs.

b. Any Concerns That Have Arisen Since the Last Meeting

c. Future issues (Issues with Equipment Information Sharing?)

Chairman Tanaka asked about future issues. A short discussion was held on, among other things, EMT recertification and both departments being involved in that.

d. Next Steps/Agenda Items

Chairman Tanaka asked everyone to please forward any items they feel need to be discussed at the next meeting, so he can add it to the agenda.

e. Budget Comparison

Assistant Chief Cobb handed out a budget spreadsheet that he and Jeremy Chartier, Treasurer for WHFD have been working on to standardize so that their budgets line up. He then explained some of the items that they changed and new categories. Chairman Tanaka stated that this spreadsheet is exactly what he was looking for and that Stuart and Jeremy went beyond what he was thinking of. Next, they will be sending it to Donna Latincics, Town Business Manager. Further discussion was had on other budget items.

**7. Correspondence.**

None.

**8. Good and Welfare.**

None.

**9. Adjournment.**

**Chief Snyder moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by President Knight.**

**Vote: All yes.**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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