



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Public Safety Commission

Meeting Minutes - Final

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

Chairman Steve
Holyfield

Monday, December 9, 2024

3:30 PM

Mayor's Office

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Holyfield called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Mayor's Office.

Chairman Holyfield welcomed meeting guest Councilor Rodriguez. In addition, Mayor Allyn was present.

Mike Fusaro attended in Wayne Donaldson's absence as the BOE rep.

II. ROLL CALL

Present	Fire Chief Jon Mann
	Police Chief John Rich
	Administrator of Emergency Services Steve Holyfield
	Fire Chief Jeff Erhart
	American Ambulance Joshua Beaulieu
Absent	Director of Emergency Management Jim Mann
	BOE Representative Wayne Donaldson

III. MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MOTION to approve the meeting minutes of the September 16th, 2024 regular meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jeff Erhart

SECONDER: John Rich

AYE 5 Mann Rich Holyfield Erhart Beaulieu

ABSENT 2 Mann Donaldson

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Emergency medical dispatch

Chief Erhart suggests a subcommittee be formed to review the existing EMD program and protocols. Subcommittee should consist of Josh Beaulieu from American Ambulance, the AES, and a representative each from LFD, GFFC, and LECC.

2. Police department radio update

Chief Rich discussed hardware upgrades. The switch of the fire departments to CLMRN may require additional equipment for the transition. We will need to speak with Comms Plus to identify any gaps that need to be filled.

3. BOE/Schools public safety update

Mike Fusaro reports the fire alarm system at JWL needs to be replaced and went out to bid, and has been awarded. Work to begin soon. Will be scheduling with the vendor.

Steve Holyfield mentioned there should be some communication with the Fire Marshal to ensure there is no risk to students and staff if the system isn't functional during school session hours.

4. Fire / EMS Radio Project Update

Steve Holyfield reports we had a meeting with CLMRN in November to discuss programming and talk groups. Awaiting final approval of the code plug so our vendor can begin programming. Conversation about the need to request authorization of other agencies' frequencies. We will be maintaining the existing UHF system as a backup and for continued primary use by parks and rec, public works, etc.

Any Old Business proper to come before the Committee

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION to approve the 2025 regular meeting schedule for the Public Safety Commission.

Steve Holyfield will forward the approved meeting schedule to the town clerk.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: John Rich

SECONDER: Jeff Erhart

Motion to open nominations for Chair of the Public Safety Commission for 2025.

Steve Holyfield was nominated as Chair.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jon Mann

SECONDER: Jeff Erhart

AYE 5 Mann Rich Holyfield Erhart Beaulieu

ABSENT 2 Mann Donaldson

MOTION to open nominations for Vice Chair of the Public Safety Commission.

Jon Mann was nominated as Vice Chair.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jon Mann

SECONDER: Jeff Erhart

AYE 5 Mann Rich Holyfield Erhart Beaulieu

ABSENT 2 Mann Donaldson

Any New Business proper to come before the Committee

Steve Holyfield provided an AES update.

*We recently completed payment to the State of Conn Firefighter's Cancer Fund for coverage of eligible members.

*Completed brush fire reimbursements for GFFC, totaling appx \$2500 coming to the Town from the State. Awaiting information from LFD to process their reimbursemt.

*Gales Ferry Fire Co will no longer be providing lift assist services.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding lift assists. Josh Beaulieu suggests reviewing this during the EMD subcommittee meetings. Jeff Erhart mentioned the FD will respond as requested by American Ambulance to assist when the ambulance crew deems necessary. Josh requested that American be notified before future changes to service levels are implemented, not after the fact. Josh also informed the committee that American Ambulance does bill the patients for a treat-no-transport for lift assists whereas the fire companies do not charge. When asked about pricing for these calls by Councilor Rodriguez, Josh estimated the charges in the area of \$500.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chief Mann moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Chief Erhart

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

VOTE: 5-0 Approved and so declared

This was Approved and so declared.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jon Mann

SECONDER: Jeff Erhart