

Minutes 22 Oct 2018

Town of Groton

Joint meeting of Fire Dept Task Force Study Committee

Called to order 6:04PM

Attendees:

Peter Myette (PM)

John Kane (JK)

An Hee Foley (AHF)

Jenifer Evans (JBE)

Ryan Monat (RJM)

Steele McCurdy (SM)

Old Business

New Business

Begin review of the Connie Sartini letter, providing information to the town.

What is the purpose of the letter? Inform the town about the existence of the committee and the committee's charge. The goal is to educate the community.

AHF: How has the town changed? How has the fire department changed? How had the demand on the fire department changed?

Maintain neutrality.

PM: What does 24 hour coverage mean? Answer: Two people in the house at all times.

AHF: Convey confidence in the chief and his ability to deploy manpower as he sees best fit.

JBE: Include options besides "status quo" and "24-hour coverage".

Discussion – where does the letter go?

Groton Herald, Facebook? Fire station website? GELD light bills?

Key: education leads to public forums.

Important facts for letter:

- 5-6 minute longer response when house is unstaffed and solely on-call responders.

- 2/3 of calls are EMS.
- 5% are fire, of which half are brush fires.

History of staffing – Chief became first full-time employee in late 80s. 2004 combined EMS and Fire departments. Need more info on changes.

Action Item: AHF will sketch out new, shorter letter.

Next meeting: 29 Oct.

Adjourned at 7:00 PM

Jenifer Evans

Attachment: Evans slides GFD_Call_Response_DataSummary and GFD_AlternateStaffing