

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

5:00pm, May 4, 2023

Otis Town Hall, 417 Main Road, Otis

Attendees

Becket Select Board: William Elovirta (BE), *Chair*; Chris Swindlehurst (CS), *Vice-Chair*; Michael Lavery (ML), *Clerk*; **Becket Staff:** Katherine A. Warden, Town Administrator; Beverly Gilbert, Administrative Assistant; Ray Ferrin, Ambulance Director/Emergency Management Director; Max Koivisto, Ambulance Department

Otis Board of Selectmen: Larry Southard, Gary Thomas, Therese Gould **Staff:** Brandi Page, Town Administrator; Rick Phair, Fire Chief and Otis Ambulance Squad

Others: Z. Smith, Chief of South County EMS; unknown person Remote: Jennifer Catolane

1. The Chairperson will call the Select Board meeting to order.

BE called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. Discussion with Becket Ambulance Director, Otis Board of Selectmen and Otis Town Administrator regarding shared Ambulance Service.

Z. Smith, Chief of South County EMS, gave a presentation about the creation and operation of South County EMS, the first regional, municipal-based emergency medical "third service" system in Massachusetts. South County EMS includes the towns of Deerfield, Sunderland, and Whately, Massachusetts. The Otis Board of Selectmen, and Becket Select Board will continue to meet to explore shared Ambulance Services. Town Administrators Kathe Warden and Brandi Page will contact State Rep. Smitty Pignatelli and State Senator Paul Mark to advocate for financial support and inquire about grant opportunities to fund a feasibility study related to regional ambulance services.

Ray Ferrin, Ambulance Director and Emergency Management Director, provided a report entitled, *Recommendation of a Shared Emergency Medical Services System for the Town of Becket & Otis*.

3. Any Other Business to come before the Board

None

4. Select Board to review and sign payable warrants

None

5. Select Board to adjourn the Meeting

ML moved to adjourn the meeting, CS 2nd: Motion carried unanimously. At 6:45pm, BE adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Gilbert, *Administrative Assistant*

Signed by:



William H. Elovirta, *Chair*

/ May 17, 2023

Date Approved