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Town of Putney
Fire and Rescue Advisory Task Force Resolution

In the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four

BE IT RESOLVED that this Board shall establish for the Town of Putney effective 4/18/2024, a Putney Fire and Rescue Advisory Task Force serving as an advisory committee to the Selectboard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Purpose of the Fire and Rescue Advisory Task Force shall be to make a recommendation to the Selectboard on the future model for Putney's fire and rescue services and staffing. Final decisions on the future of the Fire & Rescue will be made by the Putney Selectboard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fire and Rescue Task Force exists upon formation by the Putney Selectboard in a duly warned meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duties and functions of the Fire and Rescue Task Force shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Reviewing the January 2024 AP Triton Fire Department Operations Analysis, paying particular attention to those aspects of the report that relate to service models and staffing.
- Engaging the current and past membership of the Putney Fire Department & Putney Fire Association to glean their expertise.
- Research possible models/staffing options for Putney's fire & rescue services, complete with cost and response time implications.
- Facilitate and analyze a community conversation about options for fire & rescue services.
- Present recommendations to the Selectboard by the beginning of September.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Task Force shall have no more than nine and no less than five members with members being appointed by the Selectboard;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership of the Committee shall include:

- A Putney community member with EMS expertise/experience
- A Putney community member with fire service expertise/experience
- An ex officio member representing the Putney Selectboard
- A Putney community member at large
- 2 people with extensive fire and EMS experience outside of the Putney Fire Department
- A representative of the Putney Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- The Town Manager and Interim Fire Chief shall serve as non-voting members to the task force

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, given the urgent nature of the work, the selectboard will hire a trained facilitator to help the task force stay focused and productive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that priority will be given to parties with the ability to

- put community needs above personal grievances
- collect, analyze and summarize a large amount of data
- communicate fire & rescue information in an understandable fashion to the general public

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fire and Rescue Advisory Task Force shall comply with Open Meeting Law (OML). The Facilitator shall be responsible for educating, or coordinating the education, of new Committee members on OML and ensuring that all requirements of this law are observed as it relates to the Task Force;

The Fire and Rescue Task Force shall decide its own meeting schedule and structure. It shall meet no less than two (2) time each month

Dated this 17th day of April, at Putney, Windham County, Vermont

Putney Selectboard



Aileen Chute, Chair

Peg Alden, Vice Chair



Nate Snell, Clerk

Eric McGowan, Member



Fletcher Proctor, Member