

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF PEMBROKE, NH  
September 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

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Present: Selectman Richard Bean, Selectman Peter Gagy, Selectman Karen Yeaton, Selectman Rick Frederickson

Absent: Selectman Sandy Goulet

Via Conference Call: David Jodoin, Town Administrator

**I. Call to Order:**

Chairman Yeaton called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**II. Citizens Comment:**

None

**III. Scheduled Meetings:**

Gerry Fleury – 2023 CIP Presentation

Gerry Fleury, Chair of the Capital Improvement Committee, presented the 2023 CIP report. Gerry reviewed the votes for high, medium, or low priority on each project. The major discussion item this year will be a \$15,000,000 bond to connect the northern portion of the Town's sewer lines to the City of Concord's sewer collection system. The project received 2 medium priority votes and 4 low by the Committee.

Discussion of Allenstown letter regarding Ambulance Service

The Town of Allenstown's Select Board sent a letter indicating they will not renew the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) for the Tri-Town Ambulance Service in 2025. They have seen costs rise over the last ten years and feel they can provide 24-hour protection for their residents by changing the Fire Department to provide both fire and EMS services. Tri Town EMS had a recent board meeting and tried to persuade the Allenstown reps against dissolving the IMA but they are steadfast in their plans. David Jodoin and Chris Gamache, Director of Tri-Town, will go to their budget presentation and have also been invited to attend a Selectman's meeting.

Chris Gamache discussed his concerns for Allenstown's new service not having the same capabilities as their current service which could lead to negative outcomes for their residents, especially for the residents that live in the outlying portions of the Town that are further from the hospital. There are very few ambulance services in

the State that are as equipped for high level care as the Tri-Town service is. Right now, Allenstown contributes approximately \$400,000 annually between taxes and billing. Pembroke contributes approximately \$500,000.

Selectman Frederickson asked if the service loses the calls from Allenstown, will we lose paramedics due to lack of volume. Chris explained he does not think so because the service is a niche service since it is one of the very few services that are not private and not attached to a hospital. That makes them a desirable service to work for.

Selectman Yeaton asked if it would be logistically practical to ask another neighboring Town to partner with Tri-Town. Fire Chief Gagne explained the neighboring town's services are Fire/EMS services where Pembroke is fire only. While it is a struggle for those towns to cover both, they would not likely want to give up the EMS part of their service because they would not want to lose that income. Allenstown was different because we have been collaborating all along.

Chief Gagne shared concerns that the Town will be put into position where they will need a new ambulance, which could take 2 years to receive, and the license for that ambulance will be for Tri-Town which will no longer exist. If they buy that now as a joint effort between the towns, when the partnership dissolves, they will likely need to pay out part of that asset. Allenstown has made past proposals to combine the two fire departments but that is not in the best interest of Pembroke. Chris Gamache explained he is going to put together a request to reconsider packet that includes a description of the service they provide, what they will lose for their residents, and budget impacts.

Selectman Yeaton asked if the Select Board would have the final say or does this issue have to go through Town Meeting. David explained that Allenstown is SB2 Community, and they will start working the service into their budget in 2023 and when the Town approves the Budget in 2025, they will essentially be approving this dissolution.

Selectman Bean asked what the population difference is between the two towns. Chris answered Pembroke is around 7,300 and Allenstown is 4,900. Allenstown's demographics are more elderly and low income which makes the call volume almost a 50/50 split regardless of the total population difference. Selectman Bean asked if the majority of the calls go to Concord Hospital or to Manchester. Chris answered that the bulk of the calls are along the Rt. 3 corridor, and it is closely split between Concord or Manchester.

David suggested listening to the September meeting of the Tri-Town EMS Board that can be found on [townhallstreams.com](http://townhallstreams.com). There was a lengthy conversation with a lot of good comments and questions between the Towns.

Selectman Yeaton would like to craft a reply letter to the Allenstown Select Board to encourage them to reconsider their decision.

David and Chris will attend a future Allenstown Select board meeting to discuss this.

**IV. Old Business:**

None

**V. New Business:**

DPW Borough Road Culvert Bids

David explained the bids received for the culvert all came in well over the \$80,000 in allotted funds for the project. David is suggesting the Board reject all the bids and re-bid the project in November for a bid opening in December so they can encumber any additional funds they will need for the project.

Selectman Bean made a motion to disregard all bids for the Borough Road Culvert DPW project and re-bid. Selectman Gagy seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Manifests/Abatements

Selectman Frederickson made a motion to accept the manifests and abatements as presented. Selectman Gagy seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Minutes - 9/7/22

Selectman Frederickson made a motion to accept the minutes of September 7, 2022, as presented. Selectman Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**VI. Town Administrator Report:**

Old Home Day Committee sent a letter thanking the Town and Selectman for their support.

Selectman Frederickson made a motion to accept the roadway completion bond for Phase 1 of Blaine Circle in the amount of \$196,900. Selectman Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**VII. Committee Reports:**

Selectman Gagy – None

Selectman Yeaton –. Conservation Commission met to review the 15 Lindy Street 2-lot subdivision. 245 Pembroke Hill Road is asking for them to reconsider their

position. The John Deere property is planning an expansion of their facility on Sheep Davis Road. Conservation has some concerns with the proposed fueling station. The Commission would like the natural resources map they created posted in the meeting room of the Select Board because they think it will be helpful since it maps out Aquafer. They are starting their yearly property monitoring. Gelinas Farm is looking to put 36 acres into Conservation.

Selectman Bean – None

Selectman Frederickson – None

**VIII. Other Citizen Comment:**

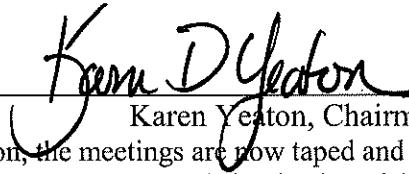
None

**IX. Non- Public Session:**

None

**X. Adjourn:**

Selectman Gagyi made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 PM. Selectman Frederickson seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karen Yeaton", is written over a horizontal line.

Karen Yeaton, Chairman

For more detailed information, the meetings are now taped and can be seen on [www.townhallstreams.com](http://www.townhallstreams.com) click on Pembroke NH and look for the day of the meeting under the month.