



Deep River Board of Fire Commissioners

December 29, 2022

The special meeting of Deep River Board of Fire Commissioners (DR BOFC) took place on December 29, 2022 along with Deep River Board of Selectmen (DR BOS). The meeting was called to order at 6:41 pm.

Present for BOFC were Tim Lee, Dave Berardis, Gary Clark, and Adam Kerop.

Present for BOS were Angus McDonald, Duane Gates, and Jim Olson, with Joyce Berardis, Recording Secretary, also in attendance.

George Eckenroth and Carmela Balducci were present from Board of Finance.

Tony Bolduc was present from Planning and Zoning.

Jen Kollmer was present representing the Deep River Ambulance.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the Town of Deep River's Emergency Services Study document, also known as the Needs Assessment, prepared by JLN Associates of Old Lyme, CT.

Detailed discussion followed regarding the Needs Assessment, and its lack of completeness and lack of a recommendation for the Town of Deep River.

McDonald noted that there seemed to be a significant amount of data missing. Lee noted some errors in the document, and that there was not a recommendation regarding number of apparatus for the fire service. D.Berardis noted that there was also not a recommendation regarding firehouse location or number of firehouses needed for the town, given the size, population, buildings, etc. Kollmer noted a lack of data and that there was not a recommendation regarding future of Emergency Medical Services.

McDonald noted that JLN Associates requested relevant parties from Deep River to review the document for accuracy and content, and to send recommendations for corrections, if any, to JLN Associates, but not to send any criticism of the document. Joyce Berardis will provide their contact information.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm, moved by Clark/Lee.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Berardis, on behalf of DR BoFC