

**Fire Chief Study Committee
Minutes 1/26/22
Zoom Virtual Meeting**

Meeting began at 10 am

Present: Elaine Puleo, April Stein, Walter Tibbetts, Jim Walton

Also Present: Becky Torres, Rachel Schwab

Absent: Kristen Burgess

- No changes to the agenda
- Public comment-none
- Minutes from 1/19/22 accepted with amendments
- No questions have been submitted for the Public Forum scheduled for 1/26/22 @ 6 pm
- Plan for the forum this evening:
 - Elaine will moderate the discussion
 - April will give brief summary of the committee's work to date
 - Jim will discuss findings from the meeting he and Kristen had with the Fire Fighters
 - Becky will send out another reminder on Town Announce
 - Rachel Schwab said she would put announce on Next Door Shutesbury
- Should the Fire Chief be required to live in Shutesbury or not?
 - Appears through the county that the trend is to not require residency for the Chief
 - Walter noted that having the requirement would seriously limit pool of candidates for Chief
 - Walter supports the town hiring a full time Chief, but, depending on who applies the town may need to revisit the Deputy Chief position.
- Current Ambulance Services
 - Walter provided information on what towns are available to provide ambulance services to the town.
 - Amherst is primary, but have arrangements with Orange, Belchertown and Granby.
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Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am

Upcoming Meetings: 1/26/22 @ 6 pm

2/02/22 @ 10 am