

**Town of Blue Hill**  
**Select Board / Peninsula Ambulance Corps (PAC) Meeting**  
**Monday, July 22, 2024**  
**Minutes**

**Called to Order at 4:30pm**

**Meeting attendance** –B. Adams, J. Dow, S. Miller, J. Atwell (Town Administrator), M. Dennison (Fire Chief), J. Chapman (Assistant Fire Chief), A. Henschke, D. Marshuetz, and R. Vaughan, (E. Best (Chair) and J. Wootten joined shortly after).

**Business**

J. Dow gave a recap of the previous discussions regarding the proposed Fire Department Relocation, the needs of the Fire Department and the needs of PAC. The engineers from VHB provided two preliminary cost estimates, which include the full wish list from both departments. If PAC and the Fire Department were to share a building, the estimated cost would be \$9.1 million, and if the Fire Department were to have a building of their own, the estimated cost would be \$6.3 million.

The discussion between the Select Board and Ambulance Board was how best to move forward. The Ambulance provides service to six other towns on the Peninsula, so things that would need to be figured out include: funding, Blue Hill tax impact, and a possible contingent guarantee from participating Towns.

PAC Manager, A. Henschke, is going to do some research on what EMS-related grants may be available for this project. Next steps will involve discussions with the six other towns that will be impacted.

A. Henschke also gave an update to the Select Board on the Ambulance and how they are doing. A. Henschke said that PAC is back to pre-COVID staffing levels. They have been generating income through non-emergency transports while still providing service with a third ambulance that remains in Blue Hill. They are also on track to purchase a new ambulance in two years—PAC's practice is to purchase a new one every five years.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.