

South Royalton Rescue Squad Advisory Committee
Minutes of September 14, 2016

In attendance: Dave Kimball, Mary Gavin, Nathan Potter, Brenda Field, Phil Gates, Jerry Barcelow

Guest: David Palmer

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

David P. told the group that he cannot support the plan put forth by our committee. He said SRRS cannot afford to add another person.

David P. told the group that SRRS will lose \$21,000 this fiscal year, due to the new Provider Tax (\$4400), Paid Time Off law (\$6,200) and the old issue of incorrect Town Appropriation assessments (\$5,900), plus not receiving the Fall Scape Grant. While the committee has questions about the basis for the 2016-7 budget, it is clear, based on current and past results, that there will not be a \$21,000 loss for the fiscal year.

DP did later acknowledge that the Provider Tax and Paid Time off will not affect SRRS much, perhaps not at all in the current fiscal year. It is unclear if the Town Assessment issue will affect this fiscal year at all.

DP told the group that he wants to end involvement in Fall Scape. The grant would be \$5,000. David is spending 10 hours a week building this program to the minimum number of required participants, with little success. The committee agreed with this recommendation, but continued to encourage DP to increase his organization's community outreach, including home visits and public events.

The discussion moved to call volumes. DP reports annual YTD total call volumes at each meeting but has been unable, to date, to separate paid calls from non-transport calls. The paid calls are what drive SRRS revenue.

On the topic of administrative and bookkeeping work, DP stated that he does not know what financial reports are available, and that he would not want bookkeeping on his "plate" right now. He said that he has not evaluated the SRRS budget. He noted that SRRS is paying some "late fees", but he does not know why, or to whom. DP does not know the amount of a/r that has been billed, collected or outstanding.

In general, he said that he has "enough on his plate right now. His hands are full"

On a Motion by Brenda, seconded by Phil, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Kimball