



**Board of Selectmen's Meeting**

**Rindge Town Office**

**Date: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Selectmen: Chairman Karl Pruter, Vicechair Bob Hamilton, and Tom Coneys. Also present were Town Administrator Lori Rautiola, Fire Chief Rick Donovan, Jaffrey Town Manager Jon Frederick, Jaffrey Fire Chief David Chamberlain, Executive Secretary Victoria Stenersen, and members of the public.

Karl opened the meeting at 1:06 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Jaffrey-Rindge Memorial Ambulance (JRMA) Presentation:**

The Chief of JRMA, William Johnson gave a presentation requesting a sizeable increase for JRMA to increase their service capabilities. The request was for \$125,000 from each town. From January to November 2024 there were 784 calls to Jaffrey and 385 calls to Rindge. In 2023 there were 887 calls to Jaffrey and 483 calls to Rindge. The substantial increase comes in an effort to hire and retain employees. Some of the Department's employees have gone to other agencies due to higher wages elsewhere. Bill Johnson presented the current and projected financials for JRMA. There were discussions about the reason for the difference in service between the two towns, the current staffing model, and other options for ambulance services. It was noted Rindge does not have a formal contract with JRMA. Any funds left over at the end of 2025 would be put into JRMA's capital reserve. There was a discussion about placing the request in the budget or as a warrant article. No decision was made. The board thanked Bill for his presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Victoria Stenersen*

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