

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting with Frenchville Selectmen
January 30, 2015 at 1pm
at the Frenchville Town Office
MINUTES**

Present: Beurmond Banville, Dale Chamberland, Dan Bechard, Christy Sirois, John Davis – Frenchville Manager, Paul Bernier – County Representative, Gerard Castonguay, Diane Castonguay – Ambulance Service Board Member, John Labrie – Ambulance Service, John Martin – Ambulance Service, Percy Thibeault – Frenchville Selectman, Clarence Roy – Frenchville Selectman, Camille Bernier – Frenchville Selectmen and Gary Gardner – Ambulance Service.

Chairman Bechard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 1pm.

Article 1 – Ambulance Service Meeting

John Labrie reviewed the situation that the communities of St Agatha, Frenchville and Sinclair are in.

- The ambulance was removed from the St Agatha location due to lack of staff available in those communities.
- EMT credentialing process has changed with more education and legislative requirements.
- Courses are no longer offered through the adult education program but instead through community colleges which may stop due to low enrollment numbers.
- The profession is no longer any easy part-time job.

Mr. Labrie also explained that when a person dials 911 it is received at the Penobscot County dispatch center and then routed to the Fort Kent Police Department who dispatch the call to Ambulance Services Inc (ASI). ASI had 6 ambulances operating and would gladly put one back in St Agatha or even Frenchville but the issue is lack of staffing. There are not enough staff members in the St Agatha/Frenchville/Sinclair area to keep an ambulance going in St Agatha. ASI is willing to pay for training an individual however the class work involves 130 hours for basic EMT and then monthly trainings. To bring back the ambulance to the area would involve at least 4 drivers and 4 basic EMTs that could rotate. There is currently one of each available now. It was mentioned that if the Towns chose to, they could provide an appropriation to ASI to increase the hourly on-call pay for volunteers to help entice individuals. The current rate is \$2.25 an hour if you are scheduled to be on call. This changes if there is a call and depends on what type. The boards thanked ASI for meeting with them and will try to find individuals in the community who may be interested. No action taken.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Sirois,
Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 13th day of February, 2015.






