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February 28, 2024

Marie Graham, Head of Service
Williamstown First Responders
249 Meadow St.
Williamstown, VT 05679

RE: Docket No. GMCB-004-24con, Williamstown First Responders Fast Squad

Dear Ms. Graham:

Thank you for your letter dated February 13, 2024, regarding Williamstown First Responders' (WFS) intent to establish a Fast Squad. Your letter represents that the Town of Williamstown has agreed to work with WFS to establish a Fast Squad to provide emergency medical care to the residents of Williamstown. The objective of WFS is to provide emergency medical services while waiting for Barre Town EMS or another service to arrive and provide transport. You state that WFS members will respond to medical calls by private vehicle when requested, except for car accidents and structure fires. WFS members will ride in the fire department utility vehicle to fire scenes and car accidents. Through an agreement with the Barre Town EMS, supplies will be exchanged between the two entities to limit costs. Also, per the agreement, Barre Town EMS will be purchasing for the Fast Squad two Automated External Defibrillators in exchange for a Zoll monitor from the Williamstown Ambulance. Extra supplies and equipment will be housed at the Williamstown Public Safety Building.

Your letter states the Williamstown Ambulance has approximately 300 calls per year. Barre Town EMS will be stationing an ambulance in the Town of Williamstown and will continue to cover many other communities in the Central Vermont area. Williamstown First Responders staffing will be on a volunteer status with stipend pay, pending town budget approval. Volunteers must hold Emergency Medical Technician or Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Certification or be working towards such certification at either of those levels. Continuing education will be partnered with Barre Town EMS.

The spreadsheet you submitted represents that the annual operating expense for Years One, Two and Thress is projected to be \$12,000 per year. This fee will be funded by rent from Barre Town EMS for its use of the Williamstown Public Safety Building. There will not be any capital expenses.



Based on the representations contained in your letter, the project is not subject to certificate of need (CON) review at this time. As you proceed with developing and implementing this project, if there are any changes in type, scope, or arrangements of the project, please contact the Board immediately so we may determine whether any further process is necessary. Failure to do so as required by Green Mountain Care Board Rule 4.301(4) may result in sanctions, as specified in 8 V.S.A. § 9445.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-760-8162.

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry

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Green Mountain Care Board

cc. Laura Beliveau, Staff Attorney, GMCB

