

From the Fire Chief:

Another \$103,086 in salary at the very least will mean the loss of 2 more full time firefighter/paramedics causing the brown out of Station 2 Rockland St (closing 2 of every four days) and the ambulance shutting down on 2 shifts (2 of every four days) with a potential reduction in ambulance revenues of 50%. This would place this department in an unacceptable and unsafe level of staffing placing the safety of the firefighters and the town's people in life threatening danger. It will also further the deepening fiscal crisis by the loss of revenues to the town. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this further with any board or committee.

Arthur

Noting what the Fire Chief offers, I would have to advise that the amount being appropriated from the Ambulance Receipts account be reduced by 50%. While there are sufficient funds currently to meet this appropriation, you will be spending non recurring funds – revenues will decrease 50%, per the Fire Chief.

Phil Warren
Town Manager