



## TOWN OF READFIELD

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### SELECT BOARD RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Town of Readfield values prompt Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and;

WHEREAS, the Town supports regional service provision where practical and possible, and;

WHEREAS, the Town currently provides EMS to our residents and visitors through a long-standing and mutually beneficial agreement with Winthrop Ambulance Service, and;

WHEREAS, Winthrop Ambulance Service has faced challenges in providing prompt EMS due to a shortage of available and qualified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and other first responders, and;

WHEREAS, delays in EMS have in some instances resulted in a diminished level of service and undesirable outcomes, and;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that these challenges are both a result of long-term trends in the profession and acute impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, and;

WHEREAS, it is further recognized that this is a statewide problem affecting nearly every Maine municipality, and;

WHEREAS, the Readfield Select Board values the essential role of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) as a convener and advocate for municipal issues,

NOW THEREFORE, the Readfield Select Board resolves to:

- Request a meeting or meetings facilitated by the Maine Municipal Association to bring together concerned parties to discuss possible solutions to this complex set of issues, and;
- To actively participate in these meetings and any necessary follow-up, and;
- To encourage the participation of municipalities, EMS providers, and other concerned parties, and;
- To assign a Select Board Liaison to investigate, pursue, and report on these efforts.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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Dennis Price, Select Board Chair

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