

As a result of the date of the meeting being changed from October 23 to October 30, and because I am attending to a friend recovering from cancer surgery, I am asking that my comments be read into the record for tonight's meeting.

First, I want to once again ask that the full presentation given by Ryan Sholes at the second or third meeting of the Committee be made available. I have previously requested this document.

Second, as I mentioned a few meetings ago, I am curious about the analysis of data. I see none taking place. While I applaud the gathering of anecdotal data from other departments and towns, I wonder how any meaningful recommendations can be made in the few remaining meetings that seem to be left without some analysis of data.

For example, I know that the fire department expressed their concern about the possible loss of revenue from the use of another ambulance service but I see no analysis being done to quantify lost revenue. It would be extremely easy to gather these data points and project what revenue might be lost as well as measure what revenue is already being lost from the use of other ambulances services either due to an insufficient crew or the level of emergency care required.

Likewise I haven't heard anyone on the Committee discuss or consider whether changes should be made to the current contract with the fire department or whether a formal contract with an outside ambulance service would or could contain provisions that might allow for revenue sharing.

Finally, I want to comment on the outburst by Mr. Pianka at the last meeting. It is unfortunate that Mr. Pianka refused to allow me to serve on the Committee. I remind the Committee that I have a long history of service in the legislative and executive branches of the U.S. government, a law degree from Georgetown University and an M.B.A. from The Wharton School at UPENN, the leading business school in the country, and I am certain I would have made meaningful contributions.

It is also unfortunate that Mr. Pianka took it upon himself to change the minutes of the previous meeting to state that I reside in Groton, which is not true. So, I ask that the minutes of the previous meeting be corrected to state that I reside in Bozrah. Also, I wish to let the members of this Committee and public attendees know that while I was attempting to speak with Ms. Lang after the adjournment of the last meeting, Mr. Pianka burst into the room and verbally attacked me for a second time. He also made physical contact with me by pushing me three times. I have reported his behavior to the appropriate parties and I would urge Mr. Pianka to reflect on his actions as a representative of our Town's government.