

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

THE TOWN OF DURHAM
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

REGARDING

A JOINTLY FUNDED REPLACEMENT FIRE STATION

The Town of Durham and the University of New Hampshire jointly support the Durham Fire Department and McGregor Memorial Ambulance which provide emergency services to the Town and Campus. Both are currently housed in facilities on the UNH campus owned by the University. These facilities are aged and no longer well suited to support emergency services. Durham and the University have been working together to find a suitable location for a replacement fire station and potentially a combined emergency services facility that would support the Durham Fire Department, McGregor Memorial Ambulance and the UNH Police Department. While the details are still in discussion and not resolved, the following broad principles have been mutually agreed that will guide discussions and be ultimately reflected in an amended Durham/UNH Fire Protection Service Agreement:

- **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.** Per the current Durham/UNH agreement, the cost of capital improvements, specifically the planning, design, construction and outfitting of a new fire station will be shared equally between Durham and UNH. Should the new facility include space for McGregor Memorial Ambulance, the cost for that space will also be equally shared. If UNH chooses to include space for the UNH Police Department, costs for that space and a prorated portion of the cost of common or shared space and systems (e.g. shared classrooms, HVAC systems) will be borne by UNH.
- **LAND LEASE.** Recognizing that the fire department and ambulance service benefit the campus as well as the town, these emergency services do not currently make any lease payment to UNH for the land occupied by their facilities. UNH will continue this practice should a new emergency services facility be constructed on UNH land.
- **OWNERSHIP.** The ultimate ownership of any new facility constructed may depend on the strategy adopted to finance the project. This question will be addressed as planning proceeds.
- **MCGREGOR MEMORIAL AMBULANCE SPACE.** As an independent entity, McGregor Memorial Ambulance will continue to provide its service to UNH and Durham under an agreement between itself and the Durham Fire Department. If space in a new facility is included for McGregor Memorial Ambulance, Durham will recover the capital and operation and maintenance cost of that space through the lease charged to McGregor Memorial Ambulance or any successor ambulance service provider, such portion of the lease to offset the joint costs borne by UNH and the Town.
- **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS.** Several options exist for the provision of operation and maintenance services should a new facility be constructed. The ultimate choice will be based on the most cost-effective means for providing such services.

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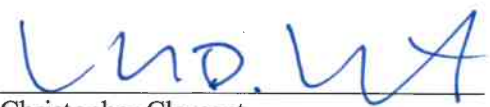


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