MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Mark E. Biberdorf, Town Manager MEB

COPY TO: Heather Taylor, Assistant Town Manager

DATE: January 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Notice to Terminate Expiring Contract with Mills River Fire & Rescue

Due to a previous Town initiated annexation of property on the southwest side of Fletcher, the Town was required to continue fire protection services with the impacted fire district (Mills River Fire & Rescue). This was required by law to allow a transitionary period where the municipality can determine what fire services entity they would like to provide coverage there. That mandatory transitionary period has since lapsed and the contract with Mills River Fire & Rescue will expire on June 30, 2026.

It is recommended that Council authorize Town staff to provide notice to officially terminate its contract for fire protection services with Mills River Fire & Rescue effective June 30, 2026. Fire protection services for this one parcel of property will be turned over to Fletcher Fire & Rescue who are already providing these services throughout the rest of the Town. The one parcel in question is located at 1 Quality Way, which is owned by Quality Point, LLC.

If you should have any questions on this item prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to let me know.

MEB/meb