To: Members of the Sandisfield Fire Department and the Board of the Sandisfield Fire Department, Inc.
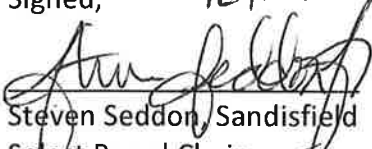
The Town of Sandisfield, the Select Board and the Town Manager look forward to supporting our first-rate Fire/Ambulance Department in a cooperative effort to provide the best possible professional emergency services to our residents and our neighboring towns.

Countywide, statewide, and even nationwide, the future of emergency services is not guaranteed. Chronic issues confronting the ability of an outmoded voluntary system to deliver services—including underfunding, increased regulation, insufficient wages, greater demand and greater expectations—has highlighted the need for more professional staffing and more professional departmental structuring and oversight. We can no longer depend so heavily on the goodwill of our neighbors and friends who serve us.

The Town is currently seeking a part-time or interim Fire Chief to head our department and assist in evaluating our longer-term goals, as reflected in the EMS Feasibility Study now being conducted by the Collins Center.
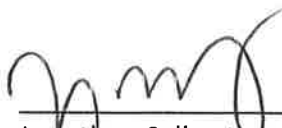
We ask that the Sandisfield Fire Department and the Sandisfield Fire Department, Inc. commit to this cooperative effort by signing this letter, which will acknowledge and assure any and all candidates of our full support in this challenging endeavor.

By doing so, our next Chief will be able to perform the duties of the appointment with confidence, knowing the town and the departments are ready to work together under her/his authority.
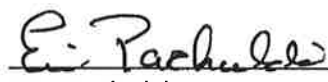
Signed,   12/18/23

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Select Board Chair

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John Field, Sandisfield
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Robert Fedell, Sandisfield
Select Board Member
DATE: 12/18/23

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Jonathan Sylbert,
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Chief, Sandisfield Fire
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