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Is Clayton willing to reconsider?	C		What is a realistic budget based upon potential replacement of trucks and equipment?	F		What would this cost the Town of Winchester?	F		What would this cost the Town of Winchester?	F		What would this cost the Town of Winchester?	F	
Cost stay the same, based upon valuation Would cost go up, due to expansion of Clayton's needs, or would it continue to be based upon valuation? No split - no equalizing payment - so this would be a benefit to Clayton	F		Smaller Tax Base to Support Expenses to Replace Equipment Winchester has had Minimal growth The estimate with the same as what we are now paying only covered the operating expense with a fully volunteer staff. No significant increase in the operating budget Cost to get up and running should be covered by the equalizing payment but may not be much money left for a contingency fund to purchase vehicles at a later date			MUCH Larger Tax Base to Share the Cost Where would the ambulance/first responders come from? The equalizing payment could be deposited into a contingency fund instead of being spent on setting up a standalone department Truck Loan would be paid off so the Tax Levy could be readjusted down			Would likely fit within budget The equalizing payment could be deposited into a contingency fund instead of being spent on setting up a standalone department			Would cost go up, due to expansion of Clayton's needs, or would it continue to be based upon valuation?	F	
Lack of willingness to cooperate - Leadership in both towns would need to be open to this option	C		Few structure fire calls in the Town of Winchester, mainly highway accidents and grass fires. Does this warrant the expense of setting up a standalone department? Clayton is nearby and said they would respond.			Is Winneconne willing to work with us and add an additional community? Primary station across the river Our Winchester "satelite station" could be a benefit to Winneconne	T					Clayton had initially said they would contract to us at the same cost we are currently paying	F	

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Administration is existing and in place (policies + SOPs)	T		Would have to set up Records and Administrative process to comply with rules and regulations	T		Administration is existing and in place (policies + SOPs)	T		Administrative process in place	T		Buy time to get ducks in a row		
Less expensive to fix existing contract-legally	C		Additional legal fees and ordinances	C		<p>Would need to join their fire district and negotiate the fee for the Town</p> <p>Larger pool of personnel and equipment - Additional assets to service the people of our community</p> <p>What if Winchester would decide later that a stand alone department would be better for the community?</p> <p>Should have a contingency plan but One doesn't go into a "marriage" expecting to get a "divorce"</p>	T		<p>Would need to contract with them. They are a Private Fire Company.</p> <p>What would the legal arrangement look like?</p> <p>Equipment (sell/lease?) - Complex negotiation required</p> <p>Would insurance for the Town go up if another fire department is using our building and equipment?</p>			The equalizing payment could be deposited into a contingency fund instead of being spent on setting up a standalone department	F	
										T		Contract negotiation	C	

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<p>Closest Response Time</p> <p>Lack of members available during the day</p>	T		<p>Same Response Time</p> <p>Adequate staff - list of 29 potential volunteers</p> <p>How many of the 29 potential volunteers are current members of the Boom Bay Fire Company?</p> <p>Are there any potential Liability concerns for volunteers belonging to 2 depts (?) (Boom Bay and Winchester)</p> <p>It takes time to get a roster going</p>	T		<p>Because we would still have our local station, response time should not be adversely affected</p> <p>Interested firefighters could still serve locally if hired by Winneconne - would maintain our local station and still have some autonomy</p> <p>Our local volunteers would have the opportunity to join a department and thereby receive training</p>	T		<p>Slower Response time</p> <p>Daytime firefighters available</p> <p>Boom Bay has a new station</p> <p>Close to the West Town Line</p>	T		<p>Equipment (sell/lease?) - Complex negotiation required</p>	F	
<p>Training-professional</p>	T		<p>Training offered by Boom Bay</p> <p>Fewer Resources could cause a Drop off in training</p>	T		<p>Training programs in place</p> <p>Location of Training - would some take place in at the Winchester station or would all be at the Winneconne station?</p>	T		<p>Training provided</p> <p>Fall off in training</p>	T		<p>Would insurance for the Town go up if another fire department is using our building and equipment?</p>	F	
<p>Representation on the Joint Fire Board would need to be renegotiated</p>	C		<p>Local control</p>	C		<p>Limited autonomy/representation</p> <p>Strong Community Support</p>	T		<p>No autonomy/representation</p>	C		<p>Same Response Time</p>	T	
<p>Morale has been an issue</p>			<p>Potential political implications - What does this mean?</p>			<p>Good Reputation</p>	T		<p>Community politics - What does this mean?</p>			<p>No autonomy/representation</p>	C	