

Approve 11/17/21
Towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark & West Tisbury
Joint Select Board Meeting
Thursday October 14, 2021 5:00 pm
Via Zoom

Present: For West Tisbury: Selectmen Skipper Manter, Kent Healy, Cynthia Mitchell, and Town Administrator Jen Rand

Also present for part or all of the meeting: Ben Retmier, (TTA), Allison Graczykowski (TTA Admin), Tim Carroll (CH Town Administrator), Jim Newman (AQ), Allen Rugg (AQ), James Malkin (CH), Bill Rossi (CH), Tom Murphy, Jeffrey Madison (AQ Town Administrator), Greg Pachico(WT Fire Chief), Greg Orcutt (WT Fin Com), Warren Doty, Howard Goldstein, Gary Haley (AQ), Mark Friedman (MVRHS), Doug Ruskin (WT Fin Com), Cathy Minkiewicz (WT Fin Com), Matt Gebo, Ernest Belisle, Bruce Stone (WT Accountant), Melanie Becker, Kara Shemeth, Matt D'Andrea (MVRHS), Eunki Seonwoo, Louisa Hufstader, Janice Haynes.

Cindy called the WT meeting to order at 5:05 pm. The other Towns also called their meetings to order; Jim Malkin for Chilmark and Gary Haley for Aquinnah.

New Business:

- **Tri-Town Ambulance Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):**

Ben explained that this is a change of wording so that TTA can allow a Select Person, or Select Board's Appointee, to serve on the Tri-Town Ambulance Committee. Skipper pointed out that it would be closer to the original idea when Tri-Town was formed.

***Chilmark:** Jim Malkin moved to allow the amendment to the TTA MOU as stated. Bill Rossi seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor.*

***Aquinnah:** Tom Murphy moved to allow the amendment to the TTA MOU as stated. Gary Haley seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor*

***West Tisbury:** Skipper moved to allow the amendment to the TTA MOU as stated. Cindy seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor.*

- **Changing the Funding Formula of Tri-Town Ambulance:**

Chief Retmier gave a short presentation on how they came to the formula, and what the formula will be going forward shown with work sheets. He explained it would be as follows: payments made by each town (Aquinnah, Chilmark and West Tisbury) to allocate expenses such that each town pays 1/3 of 75% of the budget, and the remaining 25% of the budget will be allocated to each town based on call volume. Revenue generated from insurance reimbursements shall be applied to the budget with the same formula, each town pays 1/3 of

75% of the revenue split evenly, the remaining 25% of the revenue will be allocated to each town based on call volume. This formula has been approved by the TTA Committee. Other members of the committee spoke to explain their reasoning. The Committee was thanked for their work. Skipper spoke about his history with TTA and stated that he feels the formula should stay as is. Greg, Doug and Cathy (WT Fin Com) all believe that the decision should be made by the voters and this issue should go to Annual Town Meeting. More discussion followed.

***Chilmark:** Warren Doty moved to approve the proposed funding formula for Tri-Town Ambulance. Bill Rossi seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor.*

***Aquinnah:** Tom Murphy moved to approve the proposed funding formula for Tri-Town Ambulance. Gary Haley seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor*

***West Tisbury:** Skipper said as it's a monetary issue, he would move to bring the proposed funding formula for Tri-Town Ambulance to Annual Town Meeting. Cindy seconded. Roll Call vote: Skipper – yes, Cindy – yes, Kent – no. The vote passed 2-1-0.*

Warren thanked everyone and said that he was not disappointed in West Tisbury's decision to take it to ATM.

- **Review and discussion of the Inter Municipal Agreement regarding the bonding by Chilmark for the HVAC upgrades at the 8 State Road K-5 School:**

Tim Carroll (CH) explained the request and answered questions. Skipper stated that he is a member of the Up Island Regional School District and that he supports it. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Public Comment: There was only a clarification question from the press..

With no further business Skipper made the motion to adjourn the West Tisbury Select Board meeting. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor.

Gary (?) made the motion to adjourn the Aquinnah Select Board meeting. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor.

Chilmark also informally adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:06 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant, West Tisbury