



TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE

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Tri-Town Ambulance Committee **October 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes 12:00 P.M.** **Approved by the Committee November 19, 2019**

Committee Chair Warren Doty called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

In attendance

Committee Chair Warren Doty, Committee Member Cindy Mitchell, Committee Member Jim Newman, Chief Ben Retmier, Administrative Assistant Allison Graczykowski

- **Approval of September 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Committee Member Cindy Mitchell motioned to approve both sets of meeting minutes from September 18th, 2019 as written. Committee Chair Warren Doty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Old Business**

Committee Chair Warren Doty was pleased to share that the building committee is working well and meeting on a weekly basis. Everyone looks forward to a good working relationship between Fire and EMS. Ron Rappaport will assist with working out a lease structure so that the towns may move forward on acquiring approval from their respective boards of selectmen on how to pay for the building.

Committee Chair Warren Doty shared that at the special town meeting coming up in Chilmark there will be a vote on securing funds for the architect services for the fire house and ambulance station.

- **New Business**

Time will be reserved for topics the chair did not reasonably anticipate.

- **TTA Chief report**

Three Month Review

Chief Retmier shared that from July 8th 2019 to October 8th, 2019, Tri-Town Ambulance had a total of 148 incidents. Last year for this same period, there were 150 incidents.

The year to date total thus far for 2019 is 320 incidents. At the same time last year Tri-Town Ambulance had 311 incidents.

Chief Retmier shared that Tri-Town Ambulance had their annual ambulance inspection October 1st. The inspector found no serious deficiencies with the front or back of the house. The inspector expressed how well the service is doing vs five years ago. Plan of correction was submitted on October 2nd and we received our license(s) the next day.

Discussion of Full Time EMT's

Chief Retmier shared with the committee that this year we've had some trouble with scheduling and filling volunteer shifts and that he'd like to start the conversation on hiring full time EMT's.

The committee stated that they would be willing to look at budget impact at next month's committee meeting.

Chief Retmier explained what hours and exams, as well as continuing education is required to be an EMT and Paramedic and committed to having the budget impact numbers available for the November meeting.

- **Comstar Update**

Collections continue to go well.

- **Next Meeting Date**

Tuesday November 5th 12:00 pm.

- **Adjournment**

Committee Chair Warren Doty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 pm and Committee Member Cindy Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Prepared by: _____
Allison Graczykowski Administrative Assistant