



TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE

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Tri-Town Ambulance Committee

May 1st, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approved by the Committee May 27, 2020

Committee Chair Warren Doty called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

In attendance

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

Absent

None

- **Approval of March 4th, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Committee Member Cindy Mitchell motioned to approve meeting minutes from March 4th, 2020 as written. Committee Member Jim Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Old Business**

Chief Retmier provided synopsis of how things are working in relationship to Covid-19. The Committee and Chief Belain in conjunction with Chief Retmier had a conversation of practices and policies as it relates to Covid-19.

- **New Business**
- **TTA Chief report**
- **Three Month Review**

Chief Retmier shared that from 1/30 thru 4/30/2020 Tri-Town Ambulance had a total of 55 incidents. Last year for this same period, there were 70 incidents.

The year to date total thus far for 2020 is 69 incidents. At the same time last year Tri-Town Ambulance had 95 incidents.

- **Covid-19 Update**

Covered under Old Business

- **Budget Discussion**

Chilmark has placed a budget freeze into effect. All departments have been asked to put plan and proposal together to save money. Seasonal Certification has not been approved to date. From Memorial Day Chief Retmier advised the Committee that he would staff two of the three EMT positions. Chief Retmier would assign one of the EMT's to Aquinnah beginning Memorial Day Weekend. When July 1st with new fiscal budget arrives, Chief Retmier will then add the third person. If he sees a significant surge in Covid-19 cases, third person would be added immediately to ensure appropriate staffing levels. This is TTA attempt to hold back as much money as we can to help with Chilmark's budget shortfall.

Chief Retmier shared that he is looking into purchasing reusable N95 masks. Town of Tisbury purchased these for their EMS division. There are three parts to the mask. Filters can be cleaned with UV oven which Chief Retmier is also looking into.

Cost per unit is \$38.00.

Five filters come with each mask. A 10-pack filter replacement is \$25.00.

- **Comstar**

Collections continue to go well. Due to Covid-19 however, revenue has decreased as compared to last year.

- **Next Meeting Date**

TBD

- **Adjournment**

Committee Chair Warren Doty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 pm and Committee Member Jim Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Prepared by: _____
Allison Graczykowski Administrative Assistant