



# **TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE**

## **West Tisbury • Chilmark • Aquinnah**

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### **Tri-Town Ambulance Committee** **June 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes** **Approved by the Committee July 13th, 2022**

Committee Chair Warren Doty called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

#### **In attendance**

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

- **Approval of May 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Committee Member Cindy Mitchell motioned to approve and Committee Member Jim Newman seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Old Business**

The building committee had a meeting earlier this week and a site meeting today. –The major hold up for the EMS building is the 40 week plus timeline to obtain an emergency generator board. Tri-Town Ambulance can't take ownership and move into building until that is resolved. Foundation going in on the EMS site smoothly. No major issues to date. Hopefully the crews will have the foundation done by the end of this month then the steel structure will begin to go up.

Moving into the new EMS building is tentatively scheduled for July of 2023 or thereabouts. In fiscal year 2024 is when assessments will likely begin.

- **New Business**

Committee Chair Warren Doty shared with the committee that he and Ben reviewed Chief Retmier's annual evaluation. Warren expressed that Ben was given an outstanding evaluation.

One of the primary focuses Chief Retmier will have is attention to ensure that Aquinnah is well serviced in coordination with the fire and police Chiefs and paying attention to relationship building.

- **Chief Report**

Number of runs between March 8, 2022 and June 8, 2022 was 61.

For the same period in 2020-2021 there were 78.

The year- to- date total for 2022 is 109 and for the same period in 2021 that number was 122.

Chief Retmier shared that the State Ambulance Inspection is scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Chief Pachico shared that the Trustees properties on the West Tisbury side have signage installed showing emergency location points. Jeremy Bradshaw is actively working on the Chilmark side.

- **MV Hospice Contract and BAA Approval**

Hospice needs an agreement with all Island ambulance service providers to be approved as a medicare provider.

The contract was sent to Chilmark Town Council where some changes were made - Hospice then agreed to the changes. If hospice calls us for 911 to be transported, we'd be billing hospice. Chief Retmier asked the Committee for their approval to have Chilmark sign the BAA and Hospice contract .

Committee Member Cindy Mitchell moved to have Chilmark sign off on agreement with Hospice.

Committee Member Jim Newman seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- **COVID 19 Update**

Chief Retmier shared that all is going well.

- **Comstar Update**

Administrative Assistant Allison Graczykowski shared collections continue to go well.

- **Next Meeting Date**

July 13, 2022 at 12:00 pm.

- **Adjournment**

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

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Allison Graczykowski Administrative Assistant