



# **TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE**

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

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### **Tri-Town Ambulance Committee September 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes Approved by the Committee October 4, 2023**

**Committee Jim Newman called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.**

#### **In attendance**

**Committee Chair Jim Newman, Committee Member Cindy Mitchell, Committee Member Marie Larsen, Chief Ben Retmier, Administrative Assistant Allison Graczykowski**

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Committee Member Cindy Mitchell motioned to approve the June 28th Meeting Minutes and Committee Member Marie Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Old Business**

**Committee Member Marie Larsen asked if the accountant had provided the reports needed for the Medicare and CPE report. Chief Retmier shared that we needed the building budget – he told Sarah about that and she is working on it. Allison shared that Sarah said she could get it and that currently we're just waiting**

- **Chief Report**

**Chief Retmier shared that there have been ongoing problems with internet in West Tisbury and that syncing the laptops has been an issue which includes billing.**

He also shared that Ambupro is being moved from West Tisbury to Chilmark soon and hopefully we will have better numbers for reporting in October.

Chief Retmier shared that over the last 3 months we had about had 167-170 calls – similar to last year.

The year-to-date number is roughly 275 and last year at the same time that number was 283.

- **Advanced EMT Discussion**

Chief Retmier shared that the National Registry of EMT's recognizes the title of Advanced EMT where that individual has a higher scope of care they can provide vs an EMT. An advanced EMT can start an IV and provide certain medications for example.

Currently on Martha's Vineyard there is one individual that is an Advanced EMT. The services have talked and have utilized this employee as an advanced EMT, however there is no official job description and Ben believes that with the budgeting cycle coming up that this is a good time to start the conversation on using this EMT's higher skillset and determine how to reimburse him accordingly.

Using Advanced EMT's would not remove medics and is a possible path for expansion for other EMT's.

Committee Chair Jim Newman expressed his support. Committee Member Marie Larsen would like research to be done on how other towns manage this before offering full support.

Chief Retmier will do the research.

- **Ideas for Building and Lot**

Chief Retmier drafted a letter to offer up/suggest some thoughts and ideas about using the new station and surrounding ground.

He shared that the station could be using as a cooling, warming and charging area in the event of a large-scale power outage. The Committee emphasized that this is not meant to replace the existing emergency shelter location in Chilmark.

Chief Retmier also shared that he'd like to offer on our lot near entrance where there is a flat grassy area as a possible location for the town to place a port o potty for the summer.

After a brief discussion with the Committee, it was determined that the Selectmen have held discussion on this subject and were working on a location.

- **Comstar Update**

Collections continue to go well.

- **Next Meeting Date**

**October 4th, 2023**

**Committee Chair Jim Newman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 pm and Committee Member Marie Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

**Allison Graczykowski Administrative Assistant**