



TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE

West Tisbury • Chilmark • Aquinnah

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Tri-Town Ambulance Committee December 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes Approved by the Committee January 10, 2024

Committee Chair Jim Newman called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

In attendance

Committee Chair Jim Newman, Committee Member Cindy Mitchell, Committee Member Marie Larsen, Chief Ben Retmier,

- **Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Budget**

Chief Retmier shared that in expenses there is a large increase in the retirement and OPEB assessment. A report was recently received by the Treasurer from the County with the new numbers. The revenue for the current calendar year is a little over \$300,000.00 and 75% of that revenue or \$226,000.00 will go to offset the budget. The overall increase to the budget is 9.35%.

The assessment to the towns without including debt service would be \$634,813.74 for West Tisbury, \$515,786.16 for Chilmark and \$436,434.44 for Aquinnah. When we add debt service to those assessments the numbers increase to \$901,480.40 for West Tisbury, \$782,452.83 for Chilmark and \$703,101.11 for Aquinnah.

Chief Retmier also shared the following information with the committee in response to a question that was posed. Chief Retmier offered that the majority of the budget increase comes from salaries – increase to EMT shift pay and a few employees with step increases. Additionally, Ben added a \$35,000 line item to cover possible increases due to compensation study. On the expense side, he shared that he is projecting an increase of 10% for medical insurance as actual numbers will not be available for a few months. Expenses that he can control he has tried to level fund where appropriate.

Committee Member Marie Larsen motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and narrative as written. Committee Chair Jim Newman seconded the motion.

**Jim Newman – aye
Marie Larsen – aye
Cindy Mitchell - aye**

The next Committee Meeting will be January 10, 2024.

Committee Chair Jim Newman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm and Committee Member Marie Larsen seconded the motion.

- 1. Jim Newman – aye**
- 2. Marie Larsen – aye**
- 3. Cindy Mitchell - aye**

Prepared by: _____

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