

Finance Committee September 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Remote participants: FinCom: Rob Hannemann, Vicki Divoll, Donald Leopold, Bruce Golden, Susan Murphy, Eric Glasgow, *Marshall Carroll was not present*. Others: Tri Town Ambulance Chief Ben Retmier, Warren Doty, Tim Carroll and Diana DeBlase.

At 4:32 Chairperson Hannemann called meeting to order on the Zoom (remote participation) platform.

Ben Retmier the Tri Town Ambulance Chief said he has had a request to revise the MOU funding formula. Chief Retmier gave an outline of process.

- 1.) Request to re-assess the Funding formula. Allen Rugg the Aquinnah Fincom chairperson came to TTA stating he is concerned that TTA would exceed 10% of Aquinnah's entire budget.
- 2.) The TTA Committee created 5 recommendations (formulas) #4 was most favorable #4- each town assessed 25% of budget minus revenue (insurance receipts and CPE Funds if applicable) - then remaining 25% split by percentage of runs.
- 3.) Chief Retmier reached out to 3 towns finance team (accountant & Treasurer) Chilmark's finance team advised to run by the FinCom that is reason for this meeting.

It was discussed that this would go into effect for FY23 if approved by Chilmark, Aquinnah & West Tisbury Select Boards.

Mr. Leopold asked if the vote for formula four was unanimous. Chief Retmier said yes.

Ms. Murphy said this is a bad idea to change formula. Not taking into account Chilmark has taken pressure from WT to build a headquarters. Ms. Murphy said next to the school which is the most expense this is the department that just keeps taking (costs to tax payers keep increasing).

Ms. Divoll asked who was on board that reviewed the formula proposal. Chief Retmier said Warren Doty, Cindy Mitchell and Jim Neman and Allen Rug was also present but did not vote. Chief Retmier and Allison Graczykowski (administrative assistant who took minutes) were also at the formula review meeting.

Mr. Carroll said Aquinnah has said they want to pay the 3<sup>rd</sup> but fiscal reality is really hitting them. Chairperson Hannemann said this does not bother Chilmark too much budget wise.

Mr. Doty (Chilmark representative on the TTA Committee) spoke to discussion to recommend.

*ZOOM BOMBING Tim Carroll removed bombers*

Mr. Hannemann said this has been a good presentation from Ben Retmier.

Tim Carroll said Alison Graczykowski worked on the Excel spreadsheet for this presentation.

Ms. Murphy said changing the MOU funding formula is a mistake.

Chief Retmier said the debt service for the building (future Tri Town Ambulance Headquarters at 399 Middle Rd Chilmark) is still 1/3 1/3 1/3

Tim Carroll said he supports presentation and formula. Down the road, we may have other expenses to consider. Aquinnah has opportunity to get funding from Tribe for EMS it would be included for all three towns. Chairperson Hannemann asked if worth putting tribe funding into MOU. Chief Retmier said we have no MOU with Tribe at this time.

At 5:05 PM with no further discussion, Mr. Leopold moved to adjourned. Ms. Divoll seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 6 Ayes 1 Not present**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

**Approved 10/07/2021**

Document List:

- Excel spreadsheet with in-depth figures for formula 4 with list of 5 proposed formulas