

Towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark & West Tisbury
Joint Select Board Meeting
Thursday October 14, 2021 5:00 pm
Via Zoom

Present: For Chilmark: Select Board Chairperson James Malkin, Warren Doty and Bill Rossi Town Administrator Tim Carroll and Treasurer Melanie Becker. For West Tisbury: Selectmen Skipper Manter, Kent Healy, Cynthia Mitchell, and Town Administrator Jen Rand. For Aquinnah: Select Board Jim Newman, Gary Haley and Town Administrator Jeffrey Madison. **Also present for part or all of the meeting:** Chief Ben Retmier, (TTA), Allison Graczykowski (TTA Admin), Allen Rugg (AQ), Tom Murphy, Greg Pachico(WT Fire Chief), Greg Orcutt (WT Fin Com), Howard Goldstein, Mark Friedman (MVRHS), Doug Ruskin (WT Fin Com), Cathy Minkiewicz (WT Fin Com), Matt Gebo, Ernest Belisle, Bruce Stone (WT Accountant), Kara Shemeth, Matt D’Andrea (MVRHS), Eunki Seonwoo, Louisa Hufstader and Janice Haynes.

Chairperson James Malkin called the Chilmark meeting to order at 5:05 pm. The other Towns also called their meetings to order; Cynthia Mitchell for West Tisbury and Gary Haley for Aquinnah.

New Business:

- **Tri-Town Ambulance Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):**

Ben explained that this is a change of wording so that TTA can allow a Select Person, or Select Board’s Appointee, to serve on the Tri-Town Ambulance Committee. Skipper pointed out that it would be closer to the original idea when Tri-Town was formed.

***Chilmark:** Jim Malkin moved to allow the amendment to the TTA MOU as stated. Bill Rossi seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor.*

***Aquinnah:** Tom Murphy moved to allow the amendment to the TTA MOU as stated. Gary Haley seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor*

***West Tisbury:** Skipper moved to allow the amendment to the TTA MOU as stated. Cindy seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor.*

- **Changing the Funding Formula of Tri-Town Ambulance:**

Chief Retmier gave a short presentation on how they came to the formula, and what the formula will be going forward shown with work sheets. This formula has been approved by the TTA Committee. Other members of the committee spoke to explain their reasoning. The Committee was thanked for their work. Skipper spoke about his history with TTA and stated that he feels the formula should stay as is. Greg, Doug and Cathy (WT Fin Com) all believe that the decision should be made by the voters and this issue should go to Annual Town Meeting. More discussion followed.

Chilmark: Warren Doty moved to approve the proposed funding formula for Tri-Town Ambulance. Bill Rossi seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor.

Aquinnah: Tom Murphy moved to approve the proposed funding formula for Tri-Town Ambulance. Gary Haley seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor

West Tisbury: Skipper said as it's a monetary issue, he would move to bring the proposed funding formula for Tri-Town Ambulance to Annual Town Meeting. Cindy seconded. Roll Call vote: Skipper – yes, Cindy – yes, Kent – no. The vote passed 2-1-0.

Warren thanked everyone and said that he was not disappointed in West Tisbury's decision to take it to ATM.

- **Review and discussion of the Inter Municipal Agreement regarding the bonding by Chilmark for the HVAC upgrades at the 8 State Road K-5 School:**

Tim Carroll (CH) explained the request and answered questions. Skipper stated that he is a member of the Up Island Regional School District and that he supports it. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Public Comment: There was only a clarification question from the press.

With no further business Skipper made the motion to adjourn the West Tisbury Select Board meeting. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor.

Gary (?) made the motion to adjourn the Aquinnah Select Board meeting. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor.

Chilmark also informally adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:06 pm

*Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant, West Tisbury
And Diana DeBlase, Chilmark*