



# **TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE**

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### **Tri-Town Ambulance Committee September 21 Meeting Minutes Approved by the Committee October 19, 2022**

Committee Chair Warren Doty called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

#### **In attendance**

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

- **Approval of July 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

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

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Old Business**

Chief Retmier shared that at this time it looks like a July move in date for Tri-Town Ambulance into the new building.

- **New Business**

- **Chief Report**

Number of runs between June 14, 2022 and September 14, 2022 was 170.

For the same period in 2020-2021 there were 151.

The year- to- date total for 2022 is 291 and for the same period in 2021 that number was 282.

- **COVID 19 Update**

Chief Retmier shared that all is going well.

- **VEHICLE REPLACEMENT**

Chief Retmier shared that there is a two-year lead time to acquire/purchase a new ambulance. He offered that he spoke with Chilmark Town Administrator Tim Carroll about this purchase and the Tim advised that the money needs to be approved at a special town meeting. Chief Retmier believes that \$215,000.00 would be needed for a new ambulance and about \$45,000.00 for a new response vehicle. Chief also offered that when this purchase occurs that there should be sufficient funds in savings to cover the cost of both vehicles. Meeting and warrant article timing to be determined.

- **CLOSE OUT OLD WARRANT ARTICLES**

Chief Retmier shared that there are funds leftover in two old warrants that require a vote to be returned to the reserve receipt fund.

Committee Member Cindy Mitchell motioned to return the leftover funds to the reserve receipt fund and Committee Member Jim Newman seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- **LAPTOPS FOR AMBULANCE**

Chief Retmier shared that new laptops are needed for each ambulance and will see if he can appropriate money in this year's budget for this purchase.

- **PARAMEDIC RESIGNATION**

Chief Retmier shared that full time Paramedic Traci Cooney has resigned. She has offered to work shifts as needed until a replacement is hired.

After discussion among the Committee members, Cindy Mitchell and Jim Newman have authorized that Chief Retmier can make his hire recommendation to Committee Chair Warren Doty for approval and then move forward with that recommendation with the Chilmark Board of Selectmen.

- **POSTING AD**

Chief Retmier shared that Town of Chilmark posted an ad for the vacant paramedic position in Vineyard Gazette and MV Times.

- **Comstar Update**

Collections continue to go well.

- **Next Meeting Date**

October 19, 2022 at 12:00 pm.

- **Adjournment**

Committee Chair Warren Doty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:41 pm and Committee Member Cindy Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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