

**Minutes**  
**West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting**  
**August 11, 2009**  
**Public Safety Building**

Present: Sharon Estrella - chair, Ann Nelson, Brian Athearn and Greg Orcutt.

Guests: Dianne Powers, BoS; Tri-Town Ambulance representatives: Randi Belain, Walter Delaney, Beth Toomey, Riggs Parker, Brian Cioffi, Bruce Haynes and Martina Mastromonaco.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Request for transfer:**

Bruce had the signed copy of last month's request from the police department for a transfer in the amount of \$402.27. The request was made to cover extra salary expenses incurred tending to the June 11 accident.

Brian made a motion, seconded by Greg, to approve the transfer. The motion passed 4-0.

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Minutes of the July 21 meeting were approved 4-0.

**Tri-Town Ambulance:**

Roles:

Basics - EMT

Intermediate - ALS

Paramedic

Though ALS and Paramedic supercede EMTs, the EMTs are still needed and are actively working at a response site. Chief Toomey stated the program is basics-driven, that the basics are the backbone of the service and that they do most of the work.

Discussion presented the following points:

- Role of the committee is to set policy and to address annual issues (budget, etc.), not day-to-day operations.
- Chain of command needs to be more clearly defined.
- Breaking up Tri-Town would severely affect Chilmark and Aquinnah.
- Intercept vehicle is not a luxury. EMTs should never use their own vehicle. Liability issue.
- Volunteerism is waning statewide. Many other towns facing same concerns.
- Due to state mandates, in a transition from all volunteer to paid personnel.
- Lack of coverage is town liability. Program has gone from stabilize and transport to treat and administer some drugs.
- Committee will fast track a structure to improve service, but will look for support from FinCom.
- FinCom will consider.

**Other Business:**

Bruce announced that librarian Beth Kramer will be returning \$5200 since grant money has come through.

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 8 at the Public Safety Building.

There being no other business, a motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Rogers, Administrative Clerk