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JOINT SELECTMEN & TRI TOWN AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Chilmark, Aquinnah, West Tisbury
Town Hall Chilmark
Thursday, February 3, 2011, 7:05 p.m. – 8:05 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Richard Knabel, Cindy Mitchell, Skipper Manter, Jonathan Mayhew, Frank Fenner, Spencer Booker, Camille Rose, Dan Rossi, Brian Cioffi, Randhi Belain, Bruce & Jennifer Haynes, Barbara Silk, Dr. Zack, Manny Estrella, Adam Wilson, Jennifer Rand

Tri Town Ambulance Agreement: Richard called the meeting to order and said the West Tisbury Board of Selectmen had asked for this meeting to discuss the make up of the Tri Town Ambulance Committee and possible changes to it. Randhi said he thought any changes to the committee should wait until the new Chief is in place. Dan said he felt the Committee was a middle man to the Board of Selectmen and he thought the Chief should report directly to the Boards of Selectmen. Skipper said the Committee is not a middle man; they have the final authority over what happens at TriTown.

Jonathan said once the Chief was in place the Committee would not need to meet as often as the Chief would run the day to day of TriTown. When asked, Bruce said the squad thought the Committee had to big a role, and once the Chief was hired their responsibilities should lessen. Frank said he thought that until there was a new chief in place there was no way to determine the needs of the Committee and that no change to the structure should take place prior to that hire. Spencer agreed and added that the Committee should stay in place at least through the six month probationary period in order to conduct a review. Richard said that it would probably be a year until the structure of the organization could change looking at the timeline for hiring and so forth. Everyone agreed this was a good conversation but premature. There was discussion about Selectmen's participation in the interview process.

The Boards briefly discussed the budget. Manny noted that the Towns had voted for 24/7 coverage and this is now what it cost to provide that level of service. Camille said she felt that Aquinnah paid more than their share when you looked at the number of calls to Aquinnah compared to the other two towns. Jennifer Haynes noted that calls to Aquinnah took a minimum of three hours where Chilmark is about two and West Tisbury is about 1.5 hours. That discussion was left for another time.