

## Madeline Island Ambulance Service Report

October 23, 2020

It has slowed down considerably since August and has been a good time to concentrate on other issues instead of runs. This month has been all about the building and budgets and new recruits.

After the recruitment meeting, we have four good candidates that want to take the EMT class. Sarah and Lisa have been working with Allied Medical to set up on-line classes for the new students. There will be a week of intensive in person training after they all finish the book portion of the class. The paperwork is being prepared so that they can start their training as soon as possible. We also have one candidate that has started his training and hopes to have his license in January. I can't tell you how excited we are to have this new group in training and joining the service soon.

We held our regular monthly meeting at the town garage. We will start training meetings this month as well.

We continue to hold the monthly council meetings on Zoom. the rise in cases in our area of COVID-19 has been the main topic of discussion. I feel we are prepared as we can be at this point. We have a good stock of PPE and good protocols in place.

I am working on a grant to help with the purchase of the new equipment we should need if our students all join the service.

I have been working on my budget a lot. There are some difficult questions to answer but I think it is all for the betterment of the service and the town's safety.

Joan Martin and I continue to work on the materials and finishes for the new ESB and now we are also working on appliances with Lisa's help. It is all coming together beautifully and we can hardly wait to get inside. I am also working on a history wall. We lost a lot of our photos and documents lost in the fire. The fire department did save a few scrapbooks so that will help. I hope to advertise in the gazette for materials that anyone might have of the fire departments and the ambulance services history in photography or stories. If anyone knows of materials that we might be interested in, please contact me or Joan and we will be happy to collect them.

Please stay safe, wash your hands, social distance, get some fresh air, eat a good diet, exercise and stay healthy! Respectfully Submitted, Cynthia Dalzell, Madeline Island Ambulance Service