



## **USE OF AMBULANCE RESERVES**

It shall be the policy of the Select Board that proposed appropriations from the Ambulance Reserve for Appropriations Account (“the Account”) established under M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 5F shall be used solely for the purchase of new ambulances and to offset other direct costs of the Fire/Rescue Department necessary to support ambulance services provided by the Town of Orleans.

The Town maintains a fleet of ambulances as recommended by the Fire Chief. For budgeting and capital planning purposes, the Account shall maintain a cumulative reserve balance sufficient to cover the cost of the replacement of one (1) ambulance, the value of which will be reviewed and determined as part of the annual CIP process by the Fire Chief and the Town Manager.

Any remaining balance in the Account could be considered for appropriation at a Town Meeting to help offset direct expenses in the Fire/Rescue Department, including EMT and Paramedic Salaries, and Training, equipment and supplies, and equipment and vehicle maintenance. The Board will review the Account balance, the ambulance replacement schedule, and any recommendation on the use of the funds in the Account balance with the Town Manager, the Finance Director, and the Fire Chief and decide on the level of funding used in any given year.

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