

# Acton Ambulance Association Offers Tax Relief

The Board of Directors of the Acton Ambulance Association has voted to forgo its annual donation request from the taxpayers of Acton for the town's 2005-2006 fiscal year.

"Many of us saw a significant change in our most recent tax bills," said Association President Michael Conway. "The taxpayers of Acton have always supported us. We took a look at our financial situation and decided it was time to give a little back."

Last year Acton's taxpayers contributed \$10,000 towards the Association's expenses. Most of the Association's other income is raised from fees for service, donations and fundraisers. The annual operational expenses are about \$38,000.

"That doesn't include the costs of major new equipment or the ambulance," explained Conway.

"Our intention is to operate entirely on our own now. We don't expect to have to come back for taxpayer help in the future, but if something major or unexpected happens we know we can count on the town's support."

The Association has a number of new fund raising ideas that will debut this year. Among the planned events are a Country and Western dance lesson and dance events, grant requests, the Bingo nights, sporting event ticket sales, and safety services during activities at the Acton Fairgrounds.

The Acton Ambulance Association is a private non-profit association whose mission is to provide emergency medical services to residents and visitors to Acton. The Association is funded by donations, fundraisers and fees for service.