

Minutes
West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
February 9, 2009
Public Safety Building

Present: Al DeVito - chair, Ann Nelson, Brian Athearn and Greg Orcutt.

Guests: Bruce Stone, Town Accountant; Beth Toomey, Police Chief; Martina Mastromonaco, Tri-Town Ambulance coordinator; Joyce Bowker, Council on Aging director; Skipper Manter and Richard Knabel, BoS; Jen Rand, Executive Secretary.

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

Police Department #210:

When asked if she would be comfortable with a 0% COLA, Chief Toomey requested the COLA be honored. The chief gave an overview of the airport officers, explaining that all expenses at the airport are completely covered by the federal govt.

Greg, seconded by Brian, made a motion to preliminarily approve the Police Department budget. The motion passed 4-0.

Tri-Town Ambulance:

FY09 revenue is \$159,483 less 20% for money set aside for equipment. West Tisbury has a stabilization fund of \$52,000 for the future purchase of an ambulance. Money is being set aside so that the eventual purchase will not be a large load on the budget.

Health insurance costs are down, however, vehicle insurance is up to cover an additional vehicle. Line #5399, Other Purchased Services, is up to cover computer installation and license fees.

Brian, seconded by Ann, made a motion to preliminarily approve the Tri-Town Ambulance budget. The motion passed 4-0.

Up-Island Council on Aging #541:

The majority of the CoA expense is for staff. Personal Services reflect step increases, COLA and longevity. Joyce would be fine with 0% COLA. Joyce noted that all three towns share the building expenses. Grant money is used towards utilities. The Friends give \$20,000 for maintenance, programs, etc. The Friends have pledged \$10,000 for a gift fund to purchase food vouchers and utilities in perpetuity.

Greg, seconded by Ann, made a motion to preliminarily approve the Up-Island Council on Aging budget. The motion passed 3-0 (Brian Athearn left meeting by this point).

Other Business:

Bruce informed the committee that there is a need to cover overspending on snow & ice removal.

Al reported that he, Ann and Greg had met with the BoS to discuss the written ballot article on the warrant. The BoS is split in their opinion –One for, one against and one wishing for more. The outcome is that the FinCom will not have the support of the BoS for the article. Al further reported that T. J. Hegarty, Rodent Control and Health Care, would have a warrant article.

Al has written to Reps. Madden and O’Leary. Having read the letter, the members unanimously approved it be sent on a motion made by Ann and 2nd by Greg.

Jen Rand announced that the warrant closes on February 15. She will give Al a list of articles that are FinCom related.

Minutes:

Minutes of the January 27 meeting were approved with correction.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 4:30pm at the Public Safety Building.

There being no other business, a motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Rogers, Administrative Clerk