

Minutes
West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting – March 10, 2009
at Public Safety Building

Present: Members S. Estrella, A. DeVito, G. Orcutt, B. Athearn. Also present: B. Stone, Town Accountant, Skipper Manter, Richard Knabel, Dianne Powers, Jen Rand, Glenn Hearn, Tony Nevin.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Mr. DeVito chaired the meeting and acted as secretary.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to review some of the articles to be presented at Town Meeting. The following article numbers refer to those listed in the copy of the warrant supplied to the committee at the end of February.

Article 26. Appropriate Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds. By a vote of 4-0 this article was recommended for passage.

Article 27. Transfer CPA funds from Old County Road Path to CPA undesignated reserve. By a vote of 4-0 this article was recommended for passage.

Article 28. Appropriate \$100,000 from CPA funds for Town Hall renovation. By a vote of 4-0 this article was recommended for passage.

Article 29. Appropriate \$30,000 from CPA funds for planning studies for First Congregational Church. By a vote of 4-0 this article was recommended for passage.

Article 30. Appropriate \$55,000 from CPA funds for design, permitting and construction of a sidewalk in front of Town Hall. By a vote of 4-0 this article was not recommended for passage.

Article 31. Appropriate \$10,000 from CPA funds to organize cemetery records. By a vote of 3-0 with one abstention this article was recommended for passage.

Article 32. Appropriate \$66,000 from CPA funds for the Dukes Country Rental Conversion Program. By a vote of 4-0 this article was recommended for passage.

Article 33. Appropriate \$170,000 from CPA funds to reduce the price of two units at 250 State Road. By a vote of 4-0 this article was not recommended for passage.

Article 34. Appropriate \$50,000 from CPA funds to support energy-efficient construction of affordable housing. By a vote of 4-0 this article was not recommended for passage.

Article 14. Appropriate \$10,000 from Sale of Cemetery lots to repair headstones in cemeteries. By a vote of 4-0 this article was recommended for passage.

Article 24. Appropriate \$3,800 from Free Cash to mow the cemeteries. By a vote of 4-0 this article was recommended for passage.

Article 35. Appropriate \$5,000 for an aquatic study of Mill Pond. By a vote of 4-0 this article was recommended for passage.

Article 38. Appropriate \$7,000 from Free Cash to cut down dead trees on the Lambert's Cove Beach pathway. By a vote of 3-1 this article was recommended for passage.

The Town Accountant informed the committee of two changes to the budget. The Tri-Town Ambulance Assessment is being increased by \$989.33 due to COLA issues. The assessment for the Up-Island Regional School District was reduced by \$34,288.69 due to correction of errors and a reduction in health insurance premiums. A motion was made and seconded to rescind our previous recommendations of the budget and substitute the preceding changes. This motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0.

A discussion was held to decide which of the remaining articles should be reviewed by the committee and a consensus was reached. Mr. DeVito will arrange the meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.