

**West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
Howes House
July 11, 2017**

Attendance

Committee: Gary Montrowl – Chair, Greg Orcutt – Vice Chair, Doug Ruskin, Katherine Triantafillou (via phone)

Guests: Skip Manter - Selectman

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:33pm. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Greg moved to approve minutes as amended for the meeting on June 13, 2017. Doug seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

New Business

All Island Finance Committee

Doug reported that David Vigneault of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority presented DCRHA's budget to the AIFC. Doug explained the budget includes payroll which is funded by the towns, the rental assistance program which is funded by warrant articles, rental properties owned by DCRHA, rental properties managed (but not owned) by DCRHA.

Doug said that the AIFC is scheduled to meet with DCRHA on November 30 and informally it was agreed that the towns would not expect individual meetings with DCRHA unless there were follow up questions. Doug explained that because neither Chilmark or Aquinnah attended the meeting, they had not agreed to one AIFC meeting with DCRHA.

All Island School Committee

Katherine reported that the UIRSD contributed an additional \$162,361 to the OPEB Trust. Skip said that that was the entire amount of Excess & Deficiency funds that were remaining. Skip added that MVRHS had \$500,000 in remaining E&D funds and although a motion was made to contribute \$250,000 to OPEB, the motion failed and none went to OPEB.

Plumbing, Gas and Electrical Inspector Fees

Doug said that Building Inspector Joe Tierney asked the Finance Committee to attend the Selectmen meeting on July 19, 2017 because Joe planned to propose a fee increase for plumbing, gas and electrical inspections.

Skip said he has been against charging those fees at all, but he is in the minority. Gary asked Skip if the Selectmen could hold off on eliminating the fees so the Fin Com could have time to deliberate the issue. Gary added that the Fin Com should also hear from the building inspector regarding the implication of raising fees before taking a position. Gary explained the Fin Com should learn if there is a deficit, how much it is and how much fees would have to be increased to balance the budget.

Correspondence/Scheduling

Gary shared a letter from the Selectmen requesting a meeting with the Fin Com regarding the end of year letter sent from the Fin Com to the Selectmen.

Gary presented Margo's time sheet for 9.75 worked from May 9, 2017 through June 30, 2017 and her time sheet for 1.5 hours worked from July 1, 2017 through July 5.

Doug moved to approve the hours as submitted. Greg seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

There was a discussion regarding the Fin Com August meeting. It was determined the FC would meet only if issues arose.

Adjournment

Doug moved to adjourn. Greg seconded the motion which passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margo Urbany-Joyce
West Tisbury Finance Committee Admin Assistant

Approved 9/12/17

3-0-1 with Chuck abstaining