

**West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
At the Howes House
December 10, 2019**

In Attendance: Greg Orcutt, Doug Ruskin, Gary Montrowl, Clark Rattet and Jane Dreeben

Also present: Janice Haynes, Bruce Stone and Skipper Manter, Paddy Moore, Adam Turner and Alex Elvin

Greg Orcutt called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

- **Minutes:** Greg motioned to approve the Minutes of November 12th. Gary seconded.
The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Reserve Fund Transfers:

Bruce presented 2 requests.

1. Council on Aging Personal Services for \$8,000. Bruce explained that it was unforeseen expenses to hire a temporary employee for the Outreach position to cover a second employee out on parental leave. There were questions about the Chilmark and Aquinnah portions. Bruce said that they have appropriated enough money from other budget lines to cover and it would be reflected in the end of the year numbers.

Gary motioned to Approve. Seconded. Motion passed 5 – 0.

2. Workers Compensation for \$978. To pay final invoice for the fiscal year due to unforeseen increases in payroll. There was no discussion.

Doug motioned to Approve. Clark seconded. Motion passed 5 – 0.

New Business:

Greg introduced Paddy Moore who had requested to make a presentation to the Fin Com regarding Elderly Services on Martha's Vineyard. She in turn introduced Adam Turner and Alex Elvin from the MV Commission. They have been working on a mapping project for data on Social Services for the elderly, including counseling, transportation and other services. It is a collaboration of the MV Commission, Healthy Aging, MV Community Services and Island Service Providers. Alex presented a slide show highlighting the database project and passed out copies of the final report (both attached). He also said the report is on the MV Commission website, but the database is very large and not yet online. They are trying to make it user friendly.

Paddy also spoke about the My Senior Center software system in place in 4 of the 6 Councils on Aging on Island. Presently, Edgartown is the only one collecting data. Training is provided by the company and she would like to see greater collaboration between all Island COAs.

The Committee asked a few questions to better understand the report and over-lapping data and thanked them for the presentation, agreeing that it was an area of concern as Dukes County is trending as the oldest community in MA

Committee Reports:

- **UIRSD**

Greg said they are moving forward. The budget looks to be about 3.5% up from last year, depending on the formula used.

- **MVRHS School Committee(s)**

Doug reported that the Capital budget has not been improved; it needs a lot of fixing. They have picked a number of 2.75% as their increase goal. He says everyone is working hard, but feels that they are trying to make the presentation to the towns 'acceptable' rather than a budget that actually works. The Capital portion is mostly warrant articles and not too large, but unnecessary in Doug's opinion.

- **CPC:**

Gary said there is nothing new since last report. They will be meeting tomorrow so he will have more info at next meeting.

- **Housing Bank:**

Jane said that their meeting had been rescheduled so nothing new except that they intend to look at each of the other towns housing reports to find where there may be similar concerns or ideas.

Old Business:

- **Budget Letters to all Department Heads:**

Greg said he had gotten some response so far from the email Janice had sent December 4th.

- **Department Revenue Match Letters**

Doug had drafted letters to the Building Department (Selectmen), Board of Health and Parks & Rec Board and sent them out for the committee to review and approve. Greg suggested minor changes which were made.

Greg motioned to Approve. Seconded. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Doug requested Janice proof read and print for Greg to sign and then send to the appropriate departments.

- **Fin Com Budget:**

Bruce explained the past years budget and recommended some changes to drop it down to get close to level funded. After some discussion it was brought to within about \$50. of last years.

Doug motioned to Approve as Bruce presented it. Seconded. Motion passed 5 – 0.

- **OPED**

Doug would like to send letters to both school committees reiterating their budget concerns. He feels they have been slacking in dealing with their budgets. There was some discussion of Contingency funds vs. E & D funds. No decision made.

Correspondence: None.

Next meeting will be changed from Tuesday to Wednesday January 8th. Location to be determined

With no further items to discuss, Gary made the motion to adjourn. Clark Seconded.

Motion passed 5 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Haynes
Administrative Assistant
12/11/19

Approved 1-8-20