

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

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

Absent: Greg Orcutt

Also present: Janice Haynes, Bruce Stone, Skipper Manter

Doug Ruskin (standing in for Greg Orcutt) called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

- **Minutes:** Clark motioned to approve the Minutes of August 13th. Gary seconded.
The motion passed unanimously 3-0. (Jane had not yet arrived)

- **Old Business:**

I. Review of Fin Com Assignments on committees:

Currently, CPC rep is Doug

Capital Improvements Committee is Greg

UIRSD is also Greg

MVRHS committee was Chuck

Housing Bank is a new committee that will need someone. Jane expressed interest.

Doug said that Greg would like to continue on Capital Improvements and UIRSD.

Clark said he would be interested in being the rep for the MVRHS. Doug and Skipper both pointed out that it was a very important issue right now, so an alternate/back-up person would be good. Doug said he would be back up.

Gary will take over as CPC rep with Clark being back up for that one.

Jane will be Housing Bank committee, but must be appointed by Selectmen. Janice will let Jen know to put on agenda for next meeting. Janice will also forward emails to Clark and Doug regarding the MVRHS committee, sub committees (especially financial) and Superintendents office meetings as she gets them already at the Town Hall.

II. Report on AIFC and MVRHS.

Doug spoke briefly about the meetings, but they had discussed before so didn't get to far into it. He said they had talked about formulas and after Edgartown walked out, it was decided that mediation needed to be tried. They will bring in a state organization and also the local mediation group to make 'pitches' to them and see what it will entail.

There were no Committee reports to be made.

- **New Business:**

I. Should Department Revenues match expense?

Doug explained that this really only applies to Building Department, Health Dept. and Parks & Rec. He also said Greg had requested they don't get too deep into it as he would like to be part of the discussion.

Gary said he believes a letter should be written to the Department Heads stating that the Fin Com would like them to review their rates & fees and attempt to bring closer together. Doug pointed out that Health and Parks & Rec would likely never be able to completely cover their expenses, but he believed the Building Dept. can and should.

Should the Fin Com write a letter or invite them to a meeting? Jane said they first need to figure out what their position as a committee is. Doug agreed and said it would have to wait for Greg to be involved.

II. Letter from Chuck Hodgkinson re: Tri Town Ambulance Building Committee:

They are requesting commitments from members of the Selectmen and Fin Com from all 3 towns to attend a joint meeting on September 18 with the Tri Town Ambulance Committee to discuss funding options.

Gary and Doug both said they could attend and Clark was pretty sure he could too. Doug will let Greg and Chuck know.

Correspondence: None.

With no further items to discuss, Jane moved to adjourn. Seconded by Greg.
Approved unanimously 4 -0

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Haynes
Administrative Assistant
9/11/19

-Approved 10/8/19-