

~Approved 3-12-24~  
**West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting**  
**January 25, 2024, 5:00 pm**  
**via Zoom**

**Present:** Greg Orcutt, Kimberly Angell, Skipper Manter, and Clark Rattet,

**Absent:** John Christensen

**Also:** Adam Turner, Curt Schroeder, Mac Anderson, Jessica Miller, Jeffrey Dubard, Bruce Stone and Janice Haynes

Greg called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

**Minutes to Approve:** There were none.

**New Business:**

- **Budget Review: MV Commission:**

Adam spoke first, explaining the budget increases, mostly salaries, building expenses and litigation. He says his increases usually stay around 2.2%. He spoke about what they are working on and the grants they have received. Greg relayed questions from John who was not able to be there regarding training and consultants that were explained. Skipper asked how many employees there were? Adam said 12 plus a couple of fellowships and interns.

*Skipper moved to approve the MV Commission Budget. Kim Seconded. Roll call vote; All in Favor.*

- **Budget Review: Affordable Housing Committee budget:**

Jeffrey Dubard began by apologizing for the late budget and explained that it was not significantly increased. Except for a new hire and an outside hire for consulting. Greg asked about a specific line for 'other department supplies' and Jeffrey said that it was misallocated and explained. There were a few other small questions that were explained.

*Clark moved to approve the Affordable Housing Committee Budget. Skipper Seconded. Roll call vote; All in Favor.*

- **Assessors Amended Budget:**

Board of Assessors – Mac Anderson explained the very late request for an Administrative Assistant for his department. He explained that the Data Collector has been doing some of the admin duties, and he's been doing some of it too but now they are falling behind. He also said the Select Board is looking at adopting the Residential Exemption and there's a classification study that will take extra staff if the town wants to go ahead with it. Kim asked if this position could be covered by the new multi-board position being created and he said they had considered it but ultimately decided they wanted their own part-time person. Skipper suggested postponing it one year and using the multi-board position, and Mac said

they could, but it depends on the Select Board choosing to pursue the residential exemption. After discussion, the committee decided to wait to approve the new budget until after the Personnel Board meets in February and has graded the position and they have a final number.

- **General Budget Approval:**

Greg went thru the rest of the budget lines and asked if anyone had any questions; no one did.

*Clark moved to approve the General Budget lines not yet approved as read by Greg. Kim Seconded. Roll call vote; All in Favor.*

**Scheduling:** Next meeting will be February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Reports:** There were none.

**Topics Unanticipated:** There were none

*With no further items to discuss Clark made the motion to adjourn. Kim seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Haynes  
Administrative Assistant