

**West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
January 26, 2023, 5:00 pm
via Zoom**

~Approved 2-13-23~

Present: Greg Orcutt, John Christensen, Clark Rattet, Skipper Manter and Cathy Minkiewicz

Also: Joe Tierney and Janice Haynes

Greg called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Minutes to approve: There were no minutes ready for approval.

Reserve Fund Transfers:

- **Building Department \$ 1,850.:**

Joe explained that he has been so busy that he has already used up his allotted overtime and it's only half way thru the fiscal year. No discussion.

John moved to approve the RFT for the Building Department for \$1,850. Greg seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

- **Zoning Board – \$ 4,000. for advertising and other expenses:**

Bruce explained that the number of hearings has gone up so they have had to advertise more and the price has gone up too. It should mostly be offset by revenue.

Skipper moved to approve the RFT for the Zoning Board for \$4,000. Greg seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

Budget Reviews:

- **Building Department:**

Joe explained his budget increases. He is asking for a new part-time administrative assistant and for more hours for the Local Inspector to help cover the short-term rental annual inspections which are now required by the state.

Skipper moved to recommend the Building Department budget. Clark seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

- **Review of the Library budget:**

No one had any issues with it and they did not feel they needed to call Alexandra in to discuss.

John moved to recommend the Library budget. Cathy seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

- **Review of the Sheriff's Department budget:**

Usually they have a warrant article request but this year they have put it all into the budget. Cathy mentioned that the format was hard to follow but no one had any issues with the budget itself.

Clark moved to recommend the Sheriff's Department budget. John seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

- **Recommendations of the remaining budgets:**

Bruce updated the board on a couple of changes that had happened since last meeting. He said the Tri-town Ambulance budget is still not complete and the MVRHS budget is also not complete. The highway department budget increased by a bit because they decided to keep old vehicle and need to pay additional insurance and gas for new vehicle.

The board chose to vote on the remaining budgets in bunches.

- Budget Lines 114-176:

Clark moved to recommend Lines 114-176 of the budget. Skipper seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

- Budget Lines 182-220:

Clark moved to recommend Lines 182-220 of the budget. Skipper seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

- Budget Lines 292-294:

Clark moved to recommend Lines 292-294 of the budget. Skipper seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

- Budget Line 298 Shellfish Department:

Clark moved to recommend Lines 298 Shellfish Department. Skipper seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

- Budget Line 421 Superintendent's Office

Clark moved to recommend Line 421 Superintendent's Office. Greg seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

- Budget Lines 423-522:

Clark moved to recommend Lines 423-522 of the budget. Cathy seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

- Budget Lines 541-543:

Clark moved to recommend Lines 541-543 of the budget. John seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

- Budget Lines 620-692:

Clark moved to recommend Lines 620-692 of the budget. Skipper seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

- Budget Lines 710-945:

Clark moved to recommend Lines 710-945 of the budget. Cathy seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

New Business: There was none

Old Business:

- Town Report:

John had sent around a draft just before the meeting and shared it on screen. There was some discussion but no vote taken. Any points or corrections can be sent to Janice to compile and they will vote next meeting to approve.

- Greg asked everyone to submit questions for the County and the MVRHS to Janice to send ahead of next weeks meeting. John asked about the county administrative fees that had been added last year. Skipper said they are not doing it that way this year. Bruce will send the warrant articles for the county so that they can vote those too next week.

Topics Unanticipated: There were none.

Committee Reports: There were none but John gave a brief report on the CPC articles.

Correspondence: There was none.

Schedule: The next budget hearing will be February 7th with the County and MVRHS.

*With no further items to discuss, Clark made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded.
Roll call vote – all in favor*

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Haynes
Administrative Assistant