

~Approved 12-12-23~
West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
October 24, 2023, 5:00 pm
via Zoom

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

Also: Bruce Stone Doug Ruskin, Jeffrey Dubard and Janice Haynes

Greg called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm

Minutes to Approve: September 12, 2023 and October 5, 2023:

There were no corrections or additions offered on either set of minutes.

Skipper moved to approve the Minutes of September 12, 2023. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; All in Favor.

Clark moved to approve the Minutes of October 5, 2023. Skipper Seconded. Roll call vote; All in Favor.

New Business:

- **Vote to approve the expense of John Christensen attending the ATFC Annual Meeting:**

John will be attending for the committee. No discussion

Clark moved to approve the invoice for John's ATFC attendance. Greg Seconded. Roll call vote; All in Favor.

- **Recommendations of Special Town Meeting Warrant articles: - Speak with Jeffrey Dubard (AHC) re: ADU article:**

As the discussion got started, Skipper suggested that they should go ahead and approve articles 1 -11 as a group, as they had already looked at them and no one had any questions. Everyone agreed.

Skipper moved to recommend STM Articles 1 -11 as presented. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; All in Favor.

- **Article 12 (ADU) Discussion with Jeffrey Dubard from the AHC:**

Jeffrey was welcomed and asked to explain the article and the accompanying Guidelines to the committee. He said that it was built on the existing bylaw and was designed as an incentive for renovation. John questioned the wording "essential independent facilities" and Jeffrey explained that it meant they would not need to install a new well or septic. Discussion followed about the wording of 140% vs. 150% AMI. Kim asked about a question raised by Kathy at the Select Board meeting about administering the loans. Jeffrey believes that counsel has answered her questions. Doug Ruskin spoke about the Affordable Housing Trust and

Town Meeting and wondered why there were still so many questions. More discussion followed.

Clark moved to Recommend Article 12. John Seconded. Roll call vote; All in Favor.

- **Article 13:**

This is the article to change the AMI to 150%. There was little discussion.

Clark moved to Recommend Article 13. John Seconded. Roll call vote; All in Favor.

Old Business: There was none.

Committee Reports:

- Clark had nothing to report but said that the MVRHS will start talking budgets in November
- Greg spoke about the Up-Island School Committee and the Chilmark Principal position. They will also be talking budgets soon.
- John reported that the CPC extended the deadlines for application. He said they will also be dealing with affordable housing.
- John also reported that the newly formed Improving Governance Task Force will be putting out a survey soon.

Topics Unanticipated:

Greg mentioned that he will be working on the 2025 budget which is due December 15th.

Scheduling:

Next meeting will be Thursday the 16th of November as our regular Tuesday will be Special Town Meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Haynes
Administrative Assistant