

West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
Zoom meeting
February 11, 2021, 5:00 pm

In Attendance: Greg Orcutt, John Christensen, Doug Ruskin, Clark Rattet, Doug Finn

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Jen Rand, Jim Klingensmith, Skipper Manter, Bruce Stone, and Janice Haynes

Greg called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm

Minutes:

- Minutes of January 7th: no edits offered.

John made a motion to approve the minutes of January 7th. Doug R. seconded. Roll call vote 4 in favor (Doug Finn had not yet arrived to vote)

- Minutes of January 26th: no edits offered.

Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of January 26th. Doug R. seconded. Roll call vote 4 in favor (Doug Finn had not yet arrived to vote)

- Minutes of January 28th: no edits offered.

Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28th. John. seconded. Roll call vote 4 in favor (Doug Finn had not yet arrived to vote)

- Minutes of February 2nd: no edits offered.

Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2nd. John. seconded. Roll call vote 4 in favor (Doug Finn had not yet arrived to vote)

- Minutes of February 4th: Doug Ruskin asked to defer approving as he had edits. The minutes of February 4th are taken under advisement.

New Business:

- **Warrant Review:**

There was discussion about how to go about getting answers to any questions they may have. It was decided that those with questions on the warrant articles will send their questions to Janice by Friday 2/19/2021 who will collate and send out to the pertinent people, or call them in to answer questions at a subsequent meeting. Official warrant review will begin at the 2/22/21 meeting and continue into the 2/25/21 meeting.

- **Preliminary Budget Recommendations:**

Greg read thru the budget one group at a time.

- 100 series: Doug R. asked to hold line #141; the Assessors budget. Doug F. had a question on line #132 that Bruce was able to answer to his satisfaction.

Greg called a roll call vote to preliminarily approve all of the 100 series budget lines (excepting line #141). All in favor.

They went back to discussing line #141. Doug R. says he cannot recommend the Assessors legal line. John was also not satisfied with Dawn's explanation. Jen pointed out that when departments have their own legal lines the Selectmen's budget is not available to them to cover legal expenses. If they need more money it must be done by reserve fund transfer. There was more discussion.

John made the motion to preliminarily recommend budget line 141. Greg seconded. Roll call vote: Greg, John, Clark -Aye. Doug F. and Doug R. -Nay.

- 200 series: No questions or holds.

Doug F. made the motion to preliminarily recommend all of the 200 series. Clark seconded. Roll call vote: All in Favor

- 300 series –Schools: It was decided to defer voting tonight as it was heard that they will be revisiting and perhaps changing their budget next week.
- 400 series: No questions or holds.

John made the motion to preliminarily recommend all of the 400 series. Clark seconded. Roll call vote: All in Favor

- 500 series: No questions or holds.

Clark made the motion to preliminarily recommend all of the 500 series. Doug F. seconded. Roll call vote: All in Favor

- 600 series: No questions or holds.

Clark made the motion to preliminarily recommend all of the 600 series. John seconded. Roll call vote: All in Favor

- 700 series: No questions or holds.

Doug F. made the motion to preliminarily recommend all of the 700 series. Clark seconded. Roll call vote: All in Favor

- 900 series: No questions or holds.

Doug F. made the motion to preliminarily recommend all of the 900 series. Clark seconded. Roll call vote: All in Favor

Old Business/ Other Business:

- **Financial Management Team Report:**

It was suggested that the Finance Committee should have a representative on that committee. The bylaw as written does not include a member of the Finance Committee as a necessary member and it will take a bylaw change to change it which must be voted at Town Meeting. It is too late now, perhaps at a Special fall meeting? Skipper said that tho he doesn't remember exactly why but he believes there was a reason the Fin Com was not included. It was recommended that it be brought up again as a New Business item on a future agenda.

Topics not anticipated: There was none

Correspondence: There were none.

Scheduling:

It was decided to pencil in some additional meetings in March to cover warrant article questions. Thursday March 11th and Monday March 15th will be used if needed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Haynes
Administrative Assistant

Approved with amendments 2/22/21