

**West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting**  
**Zoom meeting**  
**February 22, 2021, 5:00 pm**

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

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

**Greg called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm**

**Minutes:**

- Minutes of February 4<sup>th</sup>: Doug Ruskin offered edits. Discussion ensued. Janice will listen to the recording to get the exact wording and correct.

*Clark made the motion to approve the minutes of February 4<sup>th</sup> as amended. Doug F. seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.*

- Minutes of February 11<sup>th</sup>: Doug Ruskin offered small edits which Janice will make.

*Clark made the motion to approve the minutes of February 4<sup>th</sup> as amended. Doug F. seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.*

**New Business:**

- **Reserve Fund Transfer:**

Jen explained the increase in the cost of printing the Town Reports. It still needs to be brought before the Selectmen who will be meeting Wednesday.

*Doug R. made the motion to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer subject to BOS approval. John seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.*

- Jen also needed to change her budget to reflect the increase in the Town Report cost. There was discussion about her choice of printers.

*Doug R. made the motion to approve the amendment to the Board of Selectmen budget. John seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.*

- **Initial Review of Warrant Articles:**

There was discussion about the procedure to explain to the newer members. Greg then reviewed his questions and answers were provided by Jen, Skipper (as school committee member) and Doug Ruskin (as CPC member) to his satisfaction. After discussion it was decided to call in the Island Autism Group to answer more questions about their CPC Article and the proposed Center. They went on to discuss Doug Ruskin's questions and the conclusion was to ask have Janice ask for some additional info of the Sheriff's Department, ACE MV, Dukes County rep Martina

Thornton, and the Superintendent's Office. They will also be asked to attend a meeting to answer further questions about the articles submitted.

- **Opinion Editorial (Op Ed):**

There was discussion about what they would like to do. It was decided that some of what had been written in the Fin Com's Town Report would be used and it would run in the papers 1-2 weeks before the Annual Town Meeting in May. Further discussion will be needed.

- **Proposition 2 ½ and the 2022 Budget:**

There was discussion about Override versus Exclusion and Bruce was able to explain. No action taken.

**Scheduling:**

It was decided to cancel the meeting penciled in for 2/25 and start the warrant article review on Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup>. They changed the Monday March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> but at 6 pm.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**Committee Reports:** As the meeting was running long it was agreed to skip them this time.

**Correspondence:** There were none.

**Topics Not Anticipated:**

The committee had been advised that they needed to vote to approve the Fin Com Report for the Town Report after the agenda had been posted so it is falling under the topic of Not Anticipated. Edits were suggested to the document Greg had written and Doug F. was able to make the changes as given until all agreed.

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the Finance Committee Report as amended. Roll call vote; All in favor.*

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Haynes  
Administrative Assistant

*Minutes Approved 3-18-21*