

~Approved 3-1-22~  
**West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting**  
**Zoom meeting**  
**February 24, 2022, 5:00 pm**

**In Attendance:** John Christensen, Cathy Minkiewicz, Doug Ruskin, Greg Orcutt, and Clark Rattet

**Also present:** Nicola Blake, Kate Warner, Ron Dagostino, Richard Andre, Peter Graczykowski, Greg Pachico, Jen Rand, Bruce Stone, Skipper Manter and Janice Haynes

**Greg called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm**

**Minutes:** There were no minutes ready to be voted.

**Warrant Article Review:**

- **Climate Advisory Committee Articles:**

Kate Warner and other members of the Climate Advisory Committee were present to answer questions and explain their articles to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee. They were thanked for coming in and explaining.

- **Sheriff's Department Article:**

Doug again spoke about the maintenance costs vs. the operating costs which were not agreed to by the towns in the inter-municipal agreement. Peter explained that they are necessary costs that should be eliminated in the future. Jen spoke for Matt Mincone who gives his solid support for the system. He says it's doing its job. Doug's issue is with the fact that the request includes items not agreed to by the towns, not the necessity of the system. There was more discussion and questions from the committee which Peter answered.

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 5. Greg Seconded. Roll call vote; Doug – nay, all others – yes. (4-1-0)*

They then moved on to the rest of the warrant starting at Article 3

- **Article 3:** No discussion

*Doug moved to preliminarily recommend Article 3. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 4:** No discussion

*Doug moved to preliminarily recommend Article 4. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 6:** No discussion

*Doug moved to preliminarily recommend Article 6. Greg Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 7:** No discussion

*Doug moved to preliminarily recommend Article 7. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 8:** Doug said as there is no money involved he doesn't think they Fin Com needs to recommend. Greg disagrees.

*Doug moved to take no action on Article 8. John Seconded. Roll call vote; – Doug – nay, Clark – nay, Greg, John and Cathy in favor (3-2-0)*

- **Article 9:** No discussion

*Doug moved to preliminarily recommend Article 9. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 10:** No discussion

*John moved to preliminarily recommend Article 10. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 11:** No discussion

*Doug moved to preliminarily recommend Article 11. John Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 12:** Discussion as to whether they needed to approve as it doesn't affect the tax payers per say. John would like to get a copy of the analysis done by the Oak Bluffs Assessor before voting.

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 12. John Seconded. Roll call vote; – John abstained, all others in favor (4-0-1)*

- **Article 13:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 13. Doug Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 14:** No discussion

*Doug moved to preliminarily recommend Article 14. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 15:** No discussion

*Doug moved to preliminarily recommend Article 15. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Articles 16, 17 and 18:** No discussion as these were the Energy Committee articles discussed earlier

*Doug moved to take no action on Articles 16, 17 and 18. There was no second. Clark then moved to preliminarily recommend Articles 16, 17 and 18. John Seconded. Roll call vote; – Ruskin abstained, all others in favor. (4-0-1)*

- **Article 19:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 19. Greg Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Articles 20 & 21:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Articles 20 & 21. Cathy Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 22:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 22. Doug Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 23:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 23. John Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 24:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 42. Doug Seconded. Roll call vote; –John- Nay. all others in favor (4-1-0)*

- **Article 25:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 25. Doug Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 26:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 26. Doug Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 27:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 27. Doug Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 28:** Doug asked what the balance was of money that had been appropriated in the past. Jen said it was just about out and she has bids out that will wipe it out all together

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 28. Greg Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 29:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 29. Doug Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 30:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 30. John Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 31:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 31. Doug Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 32:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 32. Doug Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 33:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 33. Doug Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 34:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 34. Doug Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 35:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 31. John Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 36:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 36. Doug Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 37:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 37. Doug Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 38:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 38. John Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 39:** Skipped until they speak with Martina and the County Commissioners next week.
- **Article 40:** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Article 40. Cathy Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Articles 41 – 50 (All CPC Articles):** No discussion

*Clark moved to preliminarily recommend Articles 41 – 50. Doug Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

- **Article 51:** No discussion

*Doug moved to preliminarily recommend Article 51. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; – all in favor*

When they were done Doug asked Janice to email them a tally of just the votes that were not unanimous before the minutes were complete.

**New Business:** There was none

**Old Business:** There was none

**Scheduling:**

The next meetings will be Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>. They will decide at that meeting whether they will need to meet on March 8<sup>th</sup>, the regular monthly meeting.

**Committee Reports:** None

**Topics Not Anticipated:** There were none.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Haynes  
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