

West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
February 7, 2023, 5:00 pm
via Zoom

~Approved 2-13-23~

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

Also: Bruce Stone, Jim Newman, Sue Devario, Leslie Clapp, Cindy Trish, Sarah Kuh, Sam Hart, Martina Thornton, Jim Klingensmith, Robert Lyonetti, Beth Folcarelli, Mark Friedman, John Stevens, Susan Coiffi, Richie Smith, Sarah Dingley and Janice Haynes

Greg called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Minutes to approve: January 19th and 23rd, 2023:

There were no edits or corrections offered.

Clark moved to approve the Minutes of January 19th, 2023. Greg seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

Clark moved to approve the Minutes of January 23rd, 2023. John seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

Budget Reviews:

- **Review of the County of Dukes County budgets:**

Martina introduced the directors of the various county run programs and they each took some time to speak about their budgets. Most increases were due to population increases, especially among seniors. Many programs are under staffed too, mostly due to housing.

They also spoke about their warrant article for Health Care Access for \$200,000. Skipper asked for a breakdown of what they are getting for that amount and also asked about the OPM (owner project manager). There was discussion about the allocation of overhead. He was not happy with the way the county asks for money.

Clark moved to recommend the Dukes County budget. John seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

Skipper moved to recommend the Dukes County article for supplemental money. Clark seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

Skipper wanted to wait to vote the Health Care Access article until they hired an OPM but Clark suggested they vote it with an addition of \$25,000. to cover the OPM.

Clark moved to recommend the Health Care Access article for \$ 225,000. It was seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

- **Review of the MVRHS budget:**

Richie introduced everyone who was there from the school or Superintendents office. He spoke about their effort to drive down the budget. Sarah Dingley, Principal, shared screen and gave an extensive report on the high school and explained the budget increases. As always, personnel was the biggest increase. Questions were asked and answered. Sam hart spoke about the building project and where they are at with the requirements from MSBA (Ma School Building Authority) Clark made a point of thanking everyone for the work they have done to keep budgets down and everyone agreed.

John moved to recommend the MVRHS budget as presented. Clark seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

Clark moved to recommend the general Highway Department budget with the addition of \$ 1000. John seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

New Business: There was none

Old Business:

- Janice said the warrant articles would be available by the end of the day Wednesday for the committee to pick up.
- Town Report: John has submitted 2 versions and folks liked the second better. There will be a third version which he will send around.

Topics Unanticipated:

- Cathy brought up the Library HVAC and Bruce explained. Kathy will need to amend her budget to include the borrowing for that and the PFAS issue.

Committee Reports: There were none.

Correspondence: There was none.

Schedule: The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 14th but after discussion it was changed to Monday February 13th. They will discuss the warrant articles to decide who they need to call in and also hopefully vote the Tri-Town budget.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Haynes
Administrative Assistant