

~Approved 5-10-22~
West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
Zoom meeting
March 1, 2022, 5:00 pm

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

Also present: Don Leopold, Victor C., Beth Folcarelli, Ben Retmier, Maura Morrison, Martina Thornton, Sarah Kuh, Leslie Clap, Cindy Trish, Jen Rand, Bruce Stone and Janice Haynes

Greg called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Minutes:

- February 8th: Doug had a couple of edits that Janice will make.

John moved to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022 as amended. Cathy Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor. (5-0-0)

- February 17th: no edits or changes needed.

Clark moved to approve the minutes of February 17, 2022. Cathy Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor. (5-0-0)

- February 24th: Doug had some edits that Janice will make.

Cathy moved to approve the minutes of February 24, 2022 as amended. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor. (5-0-0)

Topics Not Anticipated: They skipped ahead to accommodate Ben who would be quick.

- Ben Retmier spoke for TTA. He explained that the budget was higher than what they had submitted and he wanted to give a quick explanation that it was because of the insurance premiums. He apologized. There were no questions from the committee.

Doug moved to rescind the original preliminary recommendation on the TTA budget. Cathy Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor. (5-0-0)

Clark moved to preliminarily recommend the amended TTA budget. Cathy Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor. (5-0-0)

New Business:

- **Discussion of Article 39, West Tisbury 2023 Annual Town Warrant:**

Don Leopold of the Chilmark Fin Com did a presentation of what the County does for regional programs. Martina Thornton addressed Article 39 regarding the County assessments and explained the request. They were both thanked for their work and the clear explanations given.

John moved to preliminary recommend Article 39. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor. (5-0-0)

- **ZBA Budget, 2023 Budget Legal Line Discussion:**

Janice said that she had an email from Pam Thors the Administrative Assistant to the ZBA saying that they had voted to approve the recommendation from the Fin Com to adjust their budget legal line and thanked the Fin Com for the suggestion.

- **Final Recommendations of the 2023 West Tisbury Town Budgets:**

Doug pointed out that as he had voted NO on the MVRHS budget it would mean he will vote NO on the entire budget.

Clark moved to recommend the 2023 budget as amended. Cathy Seconded. Roll call vote; Ruskin NAY, all others in favor. (4-1-0)

When they started to vote to approve the warrant they realized that they should change the vote on Article 2 (budget) to Not Recommended as printed and that they would be proposing an amended budget on the floor of Town Meeting.

Doug moved to NOT recommend Article 2. John Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor. (5-0-0)

- **Final Recommendations of the 2023 Town Warrant:**

John wanted to change his vote to the preliminary recommendations on article 12 – Housing bank. He had gotten all his questions answered and now felt comfortable recommending it.

Doug moved to rescind the original preliminary recommendation on Article 12. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor. (5-0-0)

Clark moved to preliminary recommend Article 12. John Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor. (5-0-0)

Doug motioned to affirm the preliminary votes on the Warrant Articles as the Final Vote. John Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor. (5-0-0)

Old Business:

- Cathy brought up the Chilmark proposal for the MVRSD funding formula. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Scheduling:

It was decided that there was no meeting needed next week as they had concluded their business. Discussion followed on preparation for ATM.

Committee Reports: None

Topics Not Anticipated: There were no more.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Haynes
Administrative Assistant