

**West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting**  
**March 14, 2023, 5:00 pm**  
**via Zoom**  
~Approved 4/6/23~

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

**Also:** Bruce Stone and Janice Haynes

Greg called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm

**Minutes to approve:** February 23, 2023 and March 2, 2023  
There were no edits offered on either.

*Skipper moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2023. John seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor (4-0-0 as Clark arrived late)*

*Skipper moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2023. Clark seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor (5-0-0)*

**Reserve Fund Transfer: Highway Department - \$7,200.**

- Bruce explained that the Highway Department missed an annual pay increase last year and so was not budgeted. As they did not overspend their budget last year they can take the money from this year budget and won't have to go to town meeting.

*Skipper moved to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer to the Highway Department budget for \$7,200. Clark seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor (5-0-0)*

**New Business:**

- **Annual Town Meeting Plan:**

Greg asked the committee if they wanted to do anything for the meeting? No one had anything that they felt needed to be addressed and decided no handouts. Greg also asked if they wanted to pass out info regarding the school project. Skipper pointed out that the project was quite a ways out so no need to mention. No action taken.

**Old Business:**

- **Op Ed for local newspapers:**

John had sent out the most recent draft. Greg and Skipper offered a couple of small edits. We will get it to the papers by the end of the month.

**Scheduling:**

- As Annual Town Meeting falls on our regular meeting night and they cannot meet it was decided to shift the next meeting to Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> instead.

**Topics Unanticipated:**

- Greg shared that he had attended a meeting regarding the Chilmark school repairs which will be around \$3 million dollars and West Tisbury may have to come up with about 10% as their share. Skipper elaborated on the UIRSD meeting and the E & D funds. Bruce said that with the articles that have been dropped it will reduce the tax levy from more than 8% to about 3.9% which is about average.

**Committee Reports:** There were none.

**Correspondence:** There was none.

Skipper acknowledged Cathy for her contributions while on the committee as this would be her last meeting. Cathy said she enjoyed being a part of it. She was thanked by all.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Haynes  
Administrative Assistant