

West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
Zoom meeting
March 18, 2021, 5:00 pm
Approved 4-26-21

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

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Mark Friedman, Jen Rand, Skipper Manter

Greg called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Minutes to Approve:

- Minutes of February 22th:

John made the motion to approve the minutes of February 22nd. Clark(?) seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

New Business:

- **Review of the 2022 Warrant Articles for the MVRHS:**
 - **Article 24 - OPEB:** Doug asked if the amount would be moved into the regular budget if approved this year? Mark said yes, and they must be approved by all 6 towns. There was more discussion about why there was a warrant article being proposed along with the budget line for OPEB.
 - **Article 25 – Capital project for upgrading of the technology infrastructure:** Doug F. asked if this was part of a larger plan to upgrade the facilities? Mark said it was. More discussion about facilities upgrades and the need for a long-term plan. Doug R. mentioned that he was interested in volunteering to be on the MVRHS building committee if they had need of him.
 - **Article 26 - Capital project for the purchase of 2 electric busses:** No questions or discussion of significance.
 - **Article 27 – Shingling of Superintendent’s Office Building:** No questions
- **Review of the 2022 Warrant Articles for the UIRSD:**
 - **Article 28 – Capital project for Chilmark School doors:** No questions or discussion of significance.
 - **Article 29 – Capital project for West Tisbury School roof:** No questions or discussion of significance
 - **Article 30 – Capital project for West Tisbury School replacement walk-in refrigerator:** No questions

- **Article 31 – Capital project for West Tisbury School replacement elevator:** No questions or discussion of significance
- **Article 32 – Capital project for Chilmark School windows:** No questions or discussion

Doug Ruskin asked why no other representatives from the schools were present tonight to answer questions? They had been asked and notice had been sent but we did not hear from anyone else but mark. Doug wanted to be sure the minutes reflected this. There was more discussion about facilities repair, requests for money and the 6 towns involvement. Mark was thanked for attending and his answers.

- **Begin Recommendation on Warrant Articles:**

Greg polled the committee about how they'd like to begin the recommendations of the warrant articles. It was decided to read out the article numbers only and unless there was a hold or questions they would vote to recommend (or not) each one.

Article 1: No action taken as it's the elections.

Article 2: No action taken as there are still questions on the budget

Article 3: Doug R. moved to recommend. Doug F. second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

Article 4: Doug F. moved to recommend. Clark second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

Article 5: Clark moved to recommend. Doug F. second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

Article 6: Doug F. moved to recommend. John second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0) - there was a question regarding the new language and the 2/3 vote required that Jen was able to explain.

Article 7: Doug R. moved to recommend. Clark second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

Article 8: Doug R. had questions about the Sherriff's budget and non-maintenance items included. He suggested the Committee *not* recommend this warrant article. After much discussion, Clark moved to recommend. John second. Roll call vote; Greg, Clark and John voted in favor, both Doug's abstained (3-0-2)

Article 9: Doug F. moved to recommend. John second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

Article 10: Doug F. moved to recommend. Clark second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

Article 11: Doug R. moved to recommend. Doug F. second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

Article 12: Jen said it was requested to remove it but rather than renumber the warrant it will be left in and indefinitely postponed on the floor of Town Meeting. Doug R. moved to take no action. Clark second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

Article 13: Clark moved to recommend. Doug F. second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

Article 14: Doug R. moved to recommend. Clark second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

Article 15: Doug R. moved to recommend. Clark second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

Article 16: Doug R. moved to recommend. Clark second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

Article 17: Doug R. moved to recommend. Clark second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

Article 18: Doug R. moved to recommend. Clark second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

Article 19: Doug R. moved to recommend. Clark second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

Article 20: Doug R. moved to recommend. Clark second. Roll call vote; all in favor (5-0)

At the time it was suggested that they hold the rest of the articles until next meeting.

Old Business:

• **Proposition 2 ½ override:**

Greg said that Doug Finn had expressed interest in discussing the item. Doug said that if no one else has a concern about what is being proposed then he would withdraw his request. No one else had concerns so the item was dropped.

Committee Reports: It was decided that with all the discussions that most of the topics for the committee reports had been covered and there was nothing left to report on of importance. Doug Ruskin shared just a few notes from a school committee meeting he attended in Clark's place March 9th.

Correspondence/ Scheduling: There were no correspondence. The next meeting is scheduled for 3/22/21 but was rescheduled to 9 am on Friday 3/26.

Topics Not Anticipated: There were none.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Haynes
Administrative Assistant