

**West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting**  
**Zoom meeting**  
**April 2, 2021, 2:15 pm**  
*Approved 4-26-21*

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

**Also present for all or part of the meeting:** Skipper Manter, Jen Rand, Bruce Stone, and Janice Haynes

**Greg called the meeting to order at 2:16 pm**

**Minutes:** Postponed as not everyone had seen them.

**New Business:**

- **Complete recommendation of Department Budgets for FY 2022:**

Preliminary approval had been done for most of the budget but there were just a few items to revisit.

- MVRHS budget, Doug R. wants to send a message that there needs to be tighter controls. John agreed, but said not by messing with their budget and recommended an Op Ed piece.

*Doug R. made the motion to approve the MVRHS budget less the West Tisbury share of \$500 thousand (approximately 11% or \$56 thousand). Doug F. seconded. Roll call vote; 2 in favor – Doug R. and Doug F. Greg, Clark and John opposed. Motion Failed. (2-3-0)*

*Clark then made a motion to recommend the MVRHS budget as is. John seconded.*

There was more discussion about school versus town budgets and stabilization funds. Eventually John called the vote and Doug F. seconded.

*Roll call vote: Clark, John and Greg -Aye. Doug R. -Nay. Doug F. -abstained. (3-1-1)*

- **Up Island Regional School Budget:** No discussion.

*Doug R. made the motion to recommend the UIRSD Budget. Clark seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.*

- **Dukes County Budget:**

Some lines had changed since the last discussion as insurance amounts had been adjusted, specifically Vineyard health Care Access and the Dukes County Social Services.

*Clark made the motion to recommend the Dukes County Budget. Doug R seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.*

*Doug R. then made the motion to make the final recommendations on all of the line items that had been preliminarily approved before, except the Assessors legal line #141-5305. There was no second.*

There was more discussion

*Doug F. made a motion to recommend the Assessors budget- legal line as requested. Clark seconded. Roll call vote; 4 in favor. One Nay (Doug R.) Motion passes*

*Doug F. then made the motion to recommend all line in the General Budget. Clark seconded. Roll call vote; 4 in favor. One Nay (Doug R.) Motion passes*

**Old Business:**

- **Complete Recommendations of any remaining Warrant Articles:**

The only article left to recommend was Article 2 (FY22 Budget).

*Clark made the motion to recommend Article 2 (FY22 Budget). John seconded. Roll call vote; 4 in favor. One Nay (Doug R.) Motion passes.*

**Scheduling:**

The next meeting will be April 26<sup>th</sup>. That will be about 2 weeks before ATM. Doug R. invited Doug F. to attend even tho he will not be a member of the committee any more. It was decided to schedule one more meeting at 9 am on Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> to develop the Op Ed document to be submitted to the papers befor ATM.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**Committee Reports:** As the meeting was running long it was agreed to skip them this time.

**Correspondence:** There were none.

**Topics Not Anticipated:** There were none

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Haynes  
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