

~Approved 6-14-22~
West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
Zoom meeting
May 10, 2022, 5:00 pm

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

Also present: Bruce Stone, Joe Tierney, Martina Thornton, and Janice Haynes

Greg called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Approval of Minutes:

- **March 1, 2022:**

There were no edits offered.

Clark moved to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022. John seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor.

Greg welcomed Skipper as the new member of the committee.

Reserve Fund Transfers:

- **Building Department - \$12,000.:**

Joe explained that because of Covid they had underestimated how busy they would be and have done about 100 inspections more than budgeted for. The inspectors have been paid so the department will run out of money before the end of the fiscal year.

Skipper moved to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer to the building department for \$12,000. Greg seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor (4-0-1 as Cathy had stepped away from the computer)

- **Dukes County Advisory Board (CAB) - \$2,113.50:**

Martina gave an overview and explained the request for the Center for Living.

Clark moved to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer to the Dukes County Advisory Board - \$2,113.50. Skipper seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor (5-0-0)

- **Legal Services; Jen Rand for the Select Board - \$8,000.:**

Jen was not present but Skipper explained that it was nothing out of the ordinary, just a lot of little things that would put them over budget this year.

Clark moved to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer of \$8,000. to the Legal line of the Select Board Budget. Greg seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor (5-0-0)

New Business:

- **Howes House:**

Greg had gotten a letter regarding the HH funding formula from a voter and former Fin Com member and read it to the committee. Skipper said that the HH committee was intending to use a formula very similar to what was done for the Tri-Town Ambulance building. No one had any concerns. Skipper also pointed out that West Tisbury has already appropriated money for the work.

- **Open Meeting Law Advisory – March 14 email:**

Greg had gotten an email from Tara (Town Clerk) reminding boards and committees of the OML, specifically discussing business outside of posted meetings. Greg feels they may have been in violation at times. He will share the email with the committee.

- **Committee Assignments:**

Now that Doug has retired there are openings. No one wanted to change their assignments so they will be kept the same. John will take on the CPC position and will continue with the MV Commission. Greg will continue as Chair and John was nominated as Vice Chair.

John moved to nominate Greg as the Chair. Clark seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor (5-0-0)

Greg moved nominate John as Vice Chair. Clark seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor (5-0-0)

Old Business:

- **Review of Annual Town Meeting:**

Everyone thought that it had gone well and some were surprised at the lack of push-back on some of the big issues. They also liked the earlier start time.

Topics Not Anticipated:

- **John's Priority Project:**

John shared the final summary of the findings to remind everyone what they had chosen to focus on. After discussion it was decided that the MVRHS was still the highest priority and that the entire committee should try to attend their meetings. Bruce summarized what has been happening in the meetings thus far.

Committee Reports: There were none

Scheduling:

- Next meeting will be June 14th and they will continue with Zoom for now.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Haynes
Administrative Assistant