

West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
In Person at the WT Library
July 13, 2021
Approved 9-14-21

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

Also present: Skipper Manter, Jen Rand, Bruce Stone, Kathy Logue, and Janice Haynes

Greg called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm

Minutes:

- **Minutes of June 8:** The minutes were deferred to next meeting as Janice had not made corrections pointed out by John.

Reserve Fund Transfer- Affordable Housing Committee:

- The request was for \$600 to go to their legal budget line. There were no questions.

John made the motion to approve the Reserve Fund Transfers for \$600. Clark seconded. Roll call vote; 4 in favor as Doug had not arrived yet (4-0-0)

New Business:

Financial Management Team:

Jen had emailed a short paragraph about how the Financial Management Team had been created. She explained why it had been created the way it had. She thinks it is inappropriate to have a Fin Com or Select Board member on the team as it is basically staff who comprise the team. Greg's opinion was that it would help the Fin Com to understand more and be better informed. Jen pointed out that it is a public meeting and a member of the committee could attend. After more discussion, Skipper suggested that they assign a liaison as they do to other committees to report back to the Fin Com. Greg volunteered to be that liaison. No action taken.

Amendment to the Finance Committee Bylaw: -Requested by Doug.

Doug feels that the Town Bylaw regarding the Finance Committee should be made broader as the State Bylaw is. After some discussion John requested that the topic be postponed indefinitely. Cathy pointed out that she has noticed that the committee has a tendency to go off on tangents and feels that they should have a mission statement to keep them on track. John thought it should be drafted by the committee. More discussion followed.

John made the motion to postpone the discussion indefinitely. Cathy seconded. Roll call vote; 4 in favor, one abstention (Doug Ruskin) (4-0-1)

Old Business: There was none.

Correspondence: There were no correspondence.

Topics Not Anticipated:

John can no longer be the Fin Com representative to the Select Board as his schedule has changed. Cathy volunteered to take it on.

Scheduling: Next meeting will be Tuesday August 10th.

Public Comment:

Bruce gave an end of the fiscal year report and said that good financial numbers were coming in.

With no further items to discuss, John made the motion to adjourn. Greg seconded.

Roll call vote – all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Haynes
Administrative Assistant