

West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
Zoom meeting
August 9, 2022, 5:00 pm
Approved 11/15/22

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

Greg called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm

Minutes:

- **Vote to approve the Minutes of July 12, 2022:**

There was no discussion and no edits offered.

John moved to approve the Minutes of July 12, 2022. Clark seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor (3-0-0 as Cathy had not yet arrived)

Speaking of minutes, John mentioned that he had read about the Oak Bluffs Select Board being taken to task for insufficient detail in their minutes so he withdrew his suggestion that Janice abbreviate the minutes she has been taking for the Finance Committee.

New Business: There was none.

Topics Not Anticipated:

- Cathy spoke about a conversation she had with someone who is on the Fin Com in another town and shared FYI. They were talking about raising revenue and raising embarkation fees and sharing the money with other towns on island.
- There was also discussion about the room taxes and they decided to look into it more at another meeting.

Old Business:

- **Next steps of priorities of the Fin Com:**

John spoke about the Fin Com priorities for next year that they had been working on. Some of the topics he touched on were:

- considered judgments and how they may not align with personal opinions
- prioritizing so that their time is spent well
- Areas of concern vs. areas of influence
- What values are we trying to promote or protect? Are we succeeding?
- Committee strengths and weaknesses

Greg pointed out there are many new people on island and in town in the last few years who won't know the history and will be interested in budget info.

John also went on to speak about the MVRHS space needs study done in 2016 and the inflation since then. They spoke about the project in general and suggested they invite Mark Friedman to come speak with them regarding the finances.

Committee Reports:

- **MV Commission:** John touched on the MVC meetings and how dysfunctional he feels they are but he had nothing to report.
- **UIRSD:** Greg had nothing to report
- **MVRHS /Facilities:** Clark gave a brief synopsis of recent meetings
- **Select Board:** Cathy gave a brief synopsis of the latest Select board meetings; mostly spoke about the Howes House project. Discussion followed.

Correspondence: There were none

Scheduling:

- Next meeting will be September 13th.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Haynes
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