

~Approved 10-24-23~
West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
September 12, 2023, 5:00 pm
via Zoom

Present: John Christensen, Clark Rattet, Skipper Manter, and Kimberly Angell (after vote on minutes)

Also: Julius Lowe, Bruce Stone and Janice Haynes

Absent: Greg Orcutt

John as vice-chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Vote to Approve the Minutes of July 11, 2023:

There were no edits or corrections offered on either set.

Skipper moved to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2023. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; All in favor (3-0-0 as Kim arrived late and missed the vote)

Reserve Fund Transfers:

- **ZBA:**

Julius was present to explain the ZBA request. They have already exceeded the legal budget for the year and are looking for \$ 10,000. to replenish. Skipper mentioned that he feels boards and committees shouldn't spend money they don't have, but it's nothing personal, just his opinion. He asked if \$ 5,000. Would be enough but Bruce was unsure how large the August bill would be and recommended the \$ 10,000.

Kim moved to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer of \$ 10,000 to the ZBA legal line. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor (4-0-0)

- **Property Insurance:**

Bruce explained that the insurance budget lines have increased by 70% over the last 4 years and he needs \$ 10,466. To cover the current charges.

Skipper moved to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer of \$ 10,466 to the insurance budget line. Clark Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor (4-0-0)

New Business:

- **Massachusetts Finance Committee Handbook:**

John has gotten a copy and says it's very useful. They will send a pdf if you ask. John will get a copy and send to Janice to print out copies for whoever wants one or forward on the file.

Old Business:

- **Expenditures for the MRHS Legal Line:**

Skip explained that there's nothing to discuss as they are now using donations to pay their legal bills.

Committee Reports:

Kim reported on the Select Board meetings and said that money issues that have come up recently were the charging stations at TH, and MA Save programs, and the Stoney Hill lots project. While discussing the charging stations Bruce shared that he had been checking in to the electric bills since they were installed and he feels the amount of electricity used for car charging has been negligible. Most of the committee agreed that the town should not charge so as to give incentive to drivers to go electric.

John reported that the MV Commission approved the Stillpoint project and mentioned that there is a new project.

There were no other reports.

Topics Unanticipated: There were none.

Scheduling:

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10th

*With no further items to discuss Skipper made the motion to adjourn. Clark Seconded.
Roll call vote; all in favor (4-0-0)*

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Haynes
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