

Minutes Chilmark Finance Advisory Committee February 27th 2008

Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall

Members Present: Frank Yeomans, Marshall Carroll, Frank LoRusso, John Maloney, Richard Williams

Others Present: Tim Carroll, Melanie Becker, Frank Fenner, Riggs Parker, Lenny Jason Jr., Chuck Hodgkinson, Warren Doty, Andy Goldman.

Chairman Marshall Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Minutes

Mr. Yeomans repeated his concern that three sets of minutes had not been approved. Tim Carroll gave the chairman minutes for October 22nd 2007. No action was taken.

Budget Totals

Richard Williams moved and William Randol seconded a motion to approve the FY2009 budget as reviewed at their February 20th meeting. SO VOTED: Six Ayes.

Late File Articles January 15th Deadline

Mr. Williams asked if these would effect the tax rate. It was explained that these were from the CPA funds in hand. Mr. Williams asked why the group was voting on these articles differently than the other articles. Mr. Doty said that he should have brought these in at the groups first meeting. He said that they are for Middle Line Road.

Chuck Hodgkinson explained the funding requests. They are based on estimates provided by Mr. Handlin for wells and from Mr. Hodgkinson for the roads and utilities.

Mr. Fenner asked where the missing \$1 million to build the rental units would come from. Mr. Parker said the town meeting could decide to bond if necessary. It was discussed that the town could consider fundraising. Mr. Williams asked when the article for \$1 million would come before the town meeting. Mr. Goldman said not at this annual town meeting. He said they were working on reducing that amount. Mr. Goldman said that this estimate was high and intended to make the Finance Committee aware of the potential costs.

Chairman Marshall Carroll called for a motion to accept these three articles as late files. \$79,500, \$66,400, and \$45,900. No motion was made.

Frank Yeomans asked how the HELM loan program worked. Mr. Doty explained the program and that tonight the I.H.F. agreed that they would not require ownership of town owned property to participate. There was discussion.

Marshall Carroll moved and Bill Randol seconded a motion to take-up the three late file articles for the Annual Town Meeting. SO VOTED: Unanimously Approved.

There was discussion.

HELM Loan Program. Frank LoRusso moved and Bill Randol seconded a motion to recommend. SO VOTED: Unanimously Approved 6 Ayes

Roads and Utilities. Bill Randol moved and Frank LoRusso seconded a motion to recommend. SO VOTED: Unanimously Approved 6 Ayes

Wells. Richard Williams moved and Bill Randol seconded a motion to recommend. SO VOTED: Unanimously Approved 6 Ayes

Dukes County

County Commissioner Leonard Jason requested that late file articles be considered for the Health Care Access and Pest Control programs. There was discussion.

Mr. Fenner requested that the Health Care Access program be recommended and the Pest Control Program be recommended on the condition that the Selectmen be authorized to seek a private vendor as an option. The Finance Committee accepted the late file articles and agreed to recommend them as Mr. Fenner suggested.

Harbor

Mr. Randol moved and Mr. LoRusso seconded a motion to take-up and recommend an article to transfer \$30,000 from Waterways Maintenance to pay for dredging and piling replacement. SO VOTED: Unanimously Approved 6 Ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.