

Chilmark Finance Committee joint meeting with Chilmark Selectmen October 24, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chilmark Selectmen: Warren Doty, Bill Rossi and James Malkin. FinCom: Rob Hannemann, Bruce Golden, Vicki Divoll, Eric Glasgow, Susan Murphy. Marshall Carroll & Don Leopold were not present. Others: Tim Carroll, Chuck Hodgkinson, TTA Chief Ben Retmier, Fire Chief Jeremy Bradshaw, Diana DeBlase, reporters Will Sennott, Rich Saltzberg and videographer Lynn Christoffers.

At 4:00 PM FinCom Chairman Rob Hannemann called meeting to order.

Minutes: Draft minutes from the October 17, 2019 Chilmark Finance Committee meeting were reviewed a correction was made. Mr. Golden moved to approve minutes as corrected.

Mr. Glasgow seconded the motion. **SO VOTED:** 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain, (*Susan Murphy was not at that meeting*) 2 not present Marshall Carroll & Mr. Leopold.

At 4:05 PM Don Leopold arrived.

Mr. Hannemann had Mr. Hodgkinson present the budget worksheets for the Fire House & Ambulance buildings project and the funding formula for the Ambulance building.

Mr. Hodgkinson gave his and the building committee's figures for estimated costs for the projects to keep the FinCom informed of the financials. *Mr. Hodgkinson had 3 handouts for all the members to follow along with his explanations: Fire House, Ambulance and the funding for Ambulance Building.*

Chairman Hannemann thanked Mr. Hodgkinson for his clear presentation. Chairman Doty thanked the Building Committee for all of their hard work.

Ms. Divoll moved to recommend Article 2. Of the Chilmark Special Town Meeting Warrant. *To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$440,000 to pay costs of architectural services to design the Fire Station at 3 Menemsha Cross Road and the EMS building at 399 Middle Road, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, which amount shall be expended for this purpose in addition to the \$200,000 previously appropriated for this purpose under Article 15 of the Warrant at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(7), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.*

Mr. Golden seconded the motion. **SO VOTED:** 6 Ayes 1not present (*M. Carroll*)

Proposal for Future STM FinCom process:

Chairman Hannemann expressed the consensus of the Fincom that they did not want to rubber stamp the recommendations process for the Special Town Meeting Warrants and proposed to meet and hear warrant articles prior to the warrant being set. Mr. Malkin proposed that the Selectmen and FinCom hold a joint meeting to review proposed articles before the STM is set. This is usually about 6 weeks before a STM.

Tim Carroll recommended that the FinCom liaisons meet with their assigned departments prior so they are informed and can discuss the articles at the joint meeting.

Review of Fincom liaison assignments and recommendations for FY21:

Chairman Hannemann said Ms. Divoll has agreed to take on the MV High School budget for him. FinCom members agreed to the following department budget liaison assignments:

Rob Hannemann - Up Island Regional School District & Conservation Commission

Vicki Divoll - Martha's Vineyard Commission, MV High School, Beach, Library & Legal

Don Leopold - Social Services

Susan Murphy - Harbor, Shellfish & ZBA

Marshall Carroll - Town Buildings, Board of Health, MV Refuse District

Bruce Golden - Fire Department & Highway

Eric Glasgow - Tri-Town Ambulance, Police and Safety Building when needed (Mr. Hodgkinson will email Mr. Glasgow when needed)

Reserve Fund Transfer Requests:

Chairman Doty explained this request of the Menemsha Water Company betterments to improve the system causing the huge increase to invoices. Discussion ensued.

The Harbor Department has requested that the Menemsha Water Co. invoice for \$17,953.50 be paid with the FinCom reserve. The Town Administrator has also submitted the Comfort Station Menemsha Water Co invoice for betterments to the system \$5,323.50. More discussion ensued.

Mr. Glasgow moved to transfer funds for these two Menemsha Water Co. invoices from the FinCom reserve. Mr. Golden seconded the motion. **SO VOTED:** 6 Ayes, 1 not present (*M. Carroll*)

Chairman Doty recommended removing the Beach Department off season rubbish disposal funds transfer of \$450.00 and that tableting was approved by all present.

Tim Carroll explained the request for \$8,000.00 for janitorial coverage while employee is on medical leave for 4 months. Mr. Carroll said this is expected to start February 2020.

Mr. Leopold moved to transfer the \$8,000.00 from the FinCom reserve to cover this expense. Mr. Glasgow seconded the motion. **SO VOTED:** 6 Ayes, 1 not present (*M. Carroll*)

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Additional discussion on the articles submitted from the Harbor Department and Fire department articles ensued. Fire Chief Bradshaw gave clear need for the Jet Ski for emergency responding to swimmers in distress. Chairman Hannemann said they already recommended the articles at their October 17th meeting but the clear presentation is very helpful.

Chairman Hannemann asked Ms. Divoll to give a report on the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School meetings she has attended. Ms. Divoll attended several All Island FinCom meetings where the funding formula was brought up. Ms. Divoll reported that at these meetings she asked what is unfair about the existing formula. Ms. Divoll said the question was never directly answered. Oak Bluffs just feels that they pay too much. Ms. Divoll said there was discussion of having mediation. Chilmark declined to enter into mediation. Mr. Malkin confirmed Chilmark Selectmen do not want to have mediation instead have invited School Superintendent Matt D'Andrea to come to the November Selectmen's meeting for discussion of MVRHS physical facility needs, and the costs & timelines for that work. Mr. Hannemann said members of the Chilmark FinCom will come and be in the audience for this meeting.

At 5:18 PM with no further items for discussion Mr. Golden moved to adjourn. Mr. Leopold seconded the motion **SO VOTED:** FinCom: 6 Ayes, 1 not present (*M. Carroll*) Selectmen: 3 Ayes

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase. **Approved 11/14/2019**

Document list:

- FinCom October 17, 2019 draft meeting minutes
- Request for transfer from the reserve fund to budget line 295-5230 for \$17,953.50
- Menemsha Water Company betterment fee for town docks \$17,953.50
- Request for transfer from the reserve fund to budget line 19905230 for \$5,323.50
- Menemsha water Co. betterment fee to Restrooms \$5,323.50
- Email from Chilmark Accountant FY20 1st Q-Management Reports with revenue report
- Request for transfer from the reserve fund to budget line 630-5293 Beach for \$450.00
- Request for transfer from the reserve fund to budget line 192-5149 Janitor for \$8,000.00
- Page 1 of November 19, 2018 STM warrant with articles 1-8 to illustrate the knowledge of funding for janitor position in future at the meeting it was postponed indefinitely.
- Pacheco & Ross rendering of Firehouse, Town hall, Ambulance HQ and parking lot campus
- C. Goff renderings of Firehouse
- Harbormaster warrant article explanations for article 7 & 8 of STM Oct 28, 2019
- Fire Chief Bradshaw's explanation for need of PWC
- Town Building manager Bunker's explanation for Article 5 & 12 for SMT Oct 28, 2019
- C. Hodgkinson & Building Committee - Tri Town Ambulance (TTA) Planning Costs
- C. Hodgkinson & Building Committee - TTA EMS HQ Proposed shared cost formula
- C. Hodgkinson & Building Committee - Fire House Rough Planning Budget