

Chilmark Finance Committee June 1, 2023 4:00 PM Meeting Minutes

Remotely present: FinCom: Chairperson Susan Murphy, Deb Hancock, Marshall Carroll, Bruce Golden, and Don Leopold. *Eric Glasgow and Vicki Divoll were not present.* Others: Tim Carroll, Robert Lionette, School Superintendent Richie Smith

At 4:00 PM Chairperson Murphy called the meeting to order on the Zoom platform.

Mr. Carroll screen shared the Special Town Meeting warrant. Chairperson Murphy requested to address the High School Budget article first (#6 on STM Warrant)

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$993,112** to fund the FY2024 Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District assessment for Chilmark.

Chairperson Murphy said this is exactly the budget we approved then rescinded so we now have a pledge from the school committee to limit legal funds for remainder of year and to not have legal funding for the field suit for the coming year. Chairperson Murphy said she is satisfied with this remedy and supports recommending budget. Chairperson Murphy asked for FinCom members to speak. Ms. Hancock said she agrees wholeheartedly

At 4:05 Vicki Divoll joined the meeting - Select Board Chairperson Bill Rossi also joined the meeting along with Bill Dillon

Chilmark representative Robert Lionette spoke to this article; No additional legal beyond the cap. Ms. Divoll said it was unclear what the School Committee agreed to. Mr. Golden asked if the lawsuit was still on going. Ms. Divoll and Mr. Lionette said yes. Ms. Divoll gave a report of what she has on the topic of the MVRHS proposed Playing Fields lawsuit. School Superintendent Smith gave report of the vote at the school meeting vote was 5-4 rescind vote, cap FY23 spending to what was left in Legal budget, FY24 5-4 cap and not spend any legal funds on appeal. Mr. Lionette said or anything related to the continued plans themselves. Mr. Lionette clarified what legal expenses entailed. School Superintendent Richie Smith read the draft minutes from the school committee meeting to aid in understanding the decisions made at the MVRHS May 2023 School Committee meeting. Mr. Lionette said there is a hearing date for this with land court in July 14, 2023. Mark Friedman gave information about MGL and the public process.

Mr. Leopold moved to recommend Article 6 of the Special Town meeting to fund the MVRHS FY24 budget - Chilmark's assessment of \$993,112.00. Ms. Hancock seconded the motion.

Rollcall vote **SO VOTED: 6 Ayes, 1 not present** *Eric Glasgow*

Mr. Carroll screen shared the Special Town Meeting warrant. Select Board Chairperson Rossi asked to take this out of order said he had to leave in a few minutes but asked to advocate for the funding of the Building Inspector position. Need to have a fulltime building commissioner.

We can recoup the increase cost with increase to the fees. Also support funding the TTA HQ oxygen tank this is a reimbursement to the contingency plan.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** to be added to FY2024 Department 241 Building Inspections Budget Line 510-5127, for the purpose of creating a full- time Building Inspector position, or to take any action relative thereto.

Mr. Leopold moved to recommend this article. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. *Rollcall vote*
SO VOTED: 6 Ayes, 1 not present *Eric Glasgow*

Article 8. To see if the Town will transfer the sum of **\$57,000** from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund (G.L. c.40, § 5F) or an Oxygen Generating System for the New Ambulance Facility at 399 Middle Road, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Mr. Golden moved to recommend this article. Ms. Hancock seconded the motion. *Rollcall vote*
SO VOTED: 6 Ayes, 1 not present *Eric Glasgow*

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to allow for the delivery of marijuana, marijuana products, marijuana accessories, and marijuana establishment branded goods to consumers within the Town's borders, and to direct the Select Board to notify the Cannabis Control Commission that delivery of marijuana or marijuana products to consumers is permitted in Chilmark under 935 CMR 500.145(1); or take any action relative thereto

There was discussion about this article. Chairperson Murphy asked for a straw vote who would vote to recommend. One recommended. Chairperson Murphy who would vote to not recommend this article. Chairperson Murphy asked who would (straw vote again) vote to take no action. Four members voted to take no action.

Mr. Leopold moved to take no action with article #1. Mr. Golden seconded the motion. *Rollcall vote*
SO VOTED: 5 Ayes, 1 Nay *Marshall Carroll* **1 not present** *Eric Glasgow*

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$32,000** to be added to FY2024 Department 122 Select Board Budget line 5100-5108, for the purpose of adding 15 hours a week to the Board Administrator B (Conservation, Cemetery, CPC, Historical, Parks & Rec) to perform Human Resource management functions for the Town, or to take any action relative thereto.

Tim Carroll gave some background and explained the reasoning for requesting this funding.

Ms. Hancock asked if these were brought from the ATM.

Ms. Hancock moved to recommend article #3. Ms. Divoll seconded the motion.

Rollcall vote **SO VOTED: 6 Ayes, 1 not present** *Eric Glasgow*

Article 4. To see Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to hire an outside consultant to conduct a Compensation & Classification Study using an objective position evaluation process, that promotes equity, and ensures compliance with federal and state laws, or to take any action relative thereto.

Mr. Golden (who also serves on the HRB) said we agreed to seek a study.

Mr. Leopold said we will integrate our compensation structure and process. Tim Carroll said a scope of work will be drafted prior to hiring an independent company.

Mr. Golden moved to recommend article #4, Ms. Hancock seconded the article. *Rollcall vote*
SO VOTED: 6 Ayes, 1 not present *Eric Glasgow*

Article 5. To see Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,000** to fund upgrades to the town meeting sound system at the Chilmark Community Center, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Mr. Golden moved to recommend article #5, Ms. Hancock seconded the motion.
Rollcall vote **SO VOTED: 6 Ayes, 1 not present** *Eric Glasgow*

Article 7. To see if the Town will transfer the sum of **\$225,000** from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund (G.L. c. 40, § 5F) to purchase a new ambulance, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Ms. Hancock moved to recommend article #7, Ms. Divoll seconded the motion. *Rollcall vote*
SO VOTED: 6 Ayes, 1 not present *Eric Glasgow*

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to approve a non-binding resolution as follows: "The Town of Chilmark asks that the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School commits to an all grass campus with no plastic fields."

By Petition of 100 registered voters on file with the Town Clerk.

Mr. Leopold said for him this is a take no action item, Ms. Divoll said it's good to look at case by case for each article.

Chairperson asked for straw votes:

3 votes for take no action: Leopold, Golden, Hancock.

3 votes to recommend: Murphy, Carroll, Divoll. 1 not present Glasgow

Mr. Leopold moved to take no action. Ms. Hancock seconded the motion. *Rollcall vote*
SO VOTED: 3 Ayes, 3 Nays 1, not present

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to approve a non-binding resolution as follows: "The Town of Chilmark asks that the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School commits to NO anonymous donations above \$5,000 dollars for legal action, experts, project design and permitting related to any and all plastic fields on the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School campus."

By Petition of 100 registered voters on file with the Town Clerk

There was discussion about the process of anonymous donations.

Ms. Divoll moved to recommend article #10, Mr. Golden seconded the motion.

Rollcall vote **SO VOTED: 5 Ayes, 1 Nay Leopold 1, not present Glasgow**

Mr. Golden asked for unification for seating at Town Meeting. To have us all sitting at the front of the room. Chairperson Murphy agreed was good to have us sitting together.

At 5:24 PM Mr. Leopold moved to adjourn. Ms. Hancock seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 6 Ayes, 1 not present *Eric Glasgow*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Approved 01/24/24

Document list:

- Special Town Meeting warrant with 10 articles

