

Chilmark Budget Hearing #3 Tuesday January 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Remotely present: Fincom: Chairperson Susan Murphy, Marshall Carroll, Rob Hannemann, Eric Glasgow, Don Leopold, Vicki Divoll. *Bruce Golden was not present but joined shortly after start.*

Select Board: Bill Rossi, Warren Doty and Chairperson James Malkin. Others: Tim Carroll, Ellen Biskis, Diana DeBlase, Martina Mastromonaco, Dawn Barns, Alison Kisselgof.

At 4:30 PM, Chairperson Murphy called meeting to order on the Zoom platform.

Minutes:

Draft minutes from January 20, 2022 Budget-hearing meeting were reviewed. Mr. Glasgow moved to approve with grammar corrections made. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 6 Ayes, 1 not present, Bruce Golden.

#691 Historical:

Accountant Ellen Biskis said she did not print this budget as it consists of 2 lines. Other purchases services \$1,000, Dues, and Memberships \$350.00. Ms. Kisselgof as the Board Administrator for the Historical Commission said the board met yesterday to confirm budget. Ms. Kisselgof confirmed this budget for FY23 is the same as FY22 with no changes.

Bruce Golden joined the zoom meeting

#185 Housing:

Ms. Kisselgof explained the proposed budget. Mr. Hannemann said it is our practice when we see that a line has been unspent or seems to be underspent, when budget lines have consistently not been spent, we typically discuss these. Ms. Kisselgof explained she intends to attend workshops and will need these funds for FY23.

Tim Carroll supported leaving funds as presented for when Housing Committee does outreach to the community for Peaked Hill Pastures.

Tim Carroll asked why assessment from Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (DCRHA) has gone up. Ms. Kisselgof said she did not have that information. David Vigneault the director of DCRHA would be one to answer this. DCRHA not in attendance. Accountant Biskis said this increase amount is \$500.00.

#176 Zoning Board of Appeals:

Chairperson Murphy noted that advertising and telecommunications budget lines have increased.

Ms. Kisselgof spoke to adding professional development funds of \$60. Ms. Kisselgof said she compared the first 6 months of FY23 advertising and noted underfunded so increased. Ms. Kisselgof said the ZBA Board approved conditionally, as board wants to pass cost on to applicants. Ms. Kisselgof said we submitted that to Legal Counsel. Marshall Carroll asked if the mileage for reimbursement was tracked in a log. Ms. Biskis said yes.

#699 MV Cultural Council:

Accountant Biskis said this is one line item of \$3,500.00 same as last year. Mr. Doty said Select Board (today) just appointed Deana Porter as a new Chilmark representative on the MVCC.

#630 Beach:

Beach Superintendent Martina Mastromonaco presented this proposed budget. Ms. Mastromonaco said we increased portable-toilet line because need sinks in them due to COVID.

Ms. Mastromonaco said we also added funds to accomplish handicap access boardwalk at Squibnocket. There is also an increase to the Uniforms line because Ms. Mastromonaco expects a large turnover of employees.

Chairperson Malkin asked if beach Department was prepared for shark attack rescues and asked about the possible shed for a rescue vehicle at the beach lot. Ms. Mastromonaco said the rescue vehicle is at beginning stage and will be discussed at the next Beach Committee meeting. There was some discussion about how the island is preparing for possible shark attack response.

Marshall Carroll said looking at the telecommunication line he sees it has been overspent but it is not being increased for FY23 and the uniforms is underspent. Ms. Mastromonaco said the telecommunications has to do with payroll and data usage. Ms. Mastromonaco said if we had internet at that site we would not be using data. We use it for weather tracking and more.

#122 Select Board:

Tim Carroll spoke about this proposed budget. Chairperson Malkin said Tim Carroll the Town Administrator is a contracted position. We are at the end of 3-year term and are in negotiation this figure is a placeholder. Mr. Doty said we now have contracts for top administrators for the Police, Town Administration and Fire Department (in last 5 years). These positions are outside our salary schedule and are negotiated by the Select Board.

#214 Building Department:

Tim Carroll asked for some discussion from the Select Board. Chairperson Malkin explained that Lenny Jason our Building inspector out on medical leave. Forrest Filler has been appointed local inspector for Chilmark. Akeyah Lukas has worked with Lenny for many years and has now been working with Mr. Filler. Chairperson Malkin said he and Tim Carroll met with them today and wanted to have a placeholder budget if Lenny does not return. Chairperson Malkin reported that based on what they need it will be considerably higher than what we have had. Chairperson Malkin said this is a work in progress. Mr. Doty said the island builders association has sent Select Boards notice asking for increase to hours in Building department at all municipalities on Martha's Vineyard.

Mr. Glasgow recommended getting our fees on par allowing the department to become self-funded Chairperson Malkin said they are looking into that.

Mr. Doty took a moment to introduce the Finance Committee to our newly hired Town Treasurer Dawn Barns.

At 5:15 PM with no further budgets to discuss on the agenda, Chairperson Murphy asked for motion to adjourn. Mr. Golden moved to adjourn, Ms. Divoll seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: FinCom 7 Ayes. Select Board 3 Ayes.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Approved 01/27/22