

Chilmark FY23Budget Hearing #7 February 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Remotely present:

FinCom: Chairperson Susan Murphy, Rob Hannemann, Marshall Carroll, Vicki Divoll and Bruce Golden.
Eric Glasgow and Don Leopold were not present.

Select Board: Chairperson James Malkin, Bill Rossi and Warren Doty.

Others: Kara Shemeth, Tim Carroll, Diana DeBlase, Ellen Biskis, Judith Flanders and Don Hatch.

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

Minutes:

Draft minutes from January 26, 2022 were reviewed. Corrections were made. Rob Hannemann moved to approve minutes as corrected. Mr. Golden seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain 2, not present.

Draft minutes from January 27, 2022 were reviewed. Corrections were made. Mr. Golden moved to approve as corrected. Chairperson Murphy seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 5 Ayes, 2 not present**

At 4:39 Eric Glasgow joined meeting

#292 Animal Control:

Town Administrator Carroll said he increased the salary line to reflect 3% COLA and longevity.

Chris Murphy is the Animal Control Officer and Allen Healy is the assistant ACO. Administrator Carroll said neither are up to State requirements. Mr. Doty said we know (Select Board) and are fine with who we have. Both are very experienced with large and small animals and are willing to continue as they have been.

#296 Animal inspector:

Town Administrator Carroll said he has upped this budget \$100.00 and will do incremental increases for when position of inspector is replaced (preparing for retirement). Allen Healy is the assistant ACO.

#171 Conservation Commission (ConCom)

Kara Shemeth the administrator for the Conservation Commission presented this budget.

Ms. Shemeth pointed out changes made to the budget:

- professional development
- Near Map - Mapping partial payment through the Assessor's office.

Mr. Doty said the fire department wants a drone. Mr. Doty said the fire department said all other departments could use this, would there be any use for the ConCom? Ms. Shemeth said yes, we could monitor problem areas. Mr. Doty said CFD Drone operator would be one to do it for the departments when needed. Chairperson Murphy asked would the drone operator then charge the Concom for the service? *There was not an answer to this question at this time.*

#179 Community Preservation Committee (CPC):

Kara Shemeth the administrator for the CPC said she moved some funding from other purchases to advertising, but same amount of funding for this department as last year.

#650 Parks & Recreation

Kara Shemeth the administrator for Parks & Recreation said there is no change to this budget. It will remain \$200.00.

Chairperson Murphy asked what the fee for Boathouse Rd lots leases was. Town Administrator Carroll said \$10.00 (ten dollars) annually. Administrator Carroll said these leases are under the supervision of the Select Board.

Ms. Shemeth said the Bulkhead leases (they are under the purview of the Park & Recreational Board) with businesses about \$2,000 and others \$250 and \$50 annually.

#491 Cemetery

Judith Flanders cemetery commissioner presented this budget with her Administrative support from Kara Shemeth. Ms. Flanders said the Ground and Maintenance line increased. Ms. Flanders said we have expanded so our area we are maintaining is more.

Ms. Flanders said the old pine trees are at the end of their lives and the cost to remove them is substantial.

Ms. Flanders additional increased budget lines:

- Advertising
- Grounds keeping supplies
- Facilities maintenance - shed is in need of a lot of repair.

Ms. Flanders said the commission would like to do grave stone repairs. Chairperson Murphy said that might be paid from the perpetual care fund. Ms. Shemeth said that might also be paid by historic preservation funding in CPC budget.

Ms. Flanders said the perpetual care fund is for purchasing more land.

Ms. Flanders said the Cemetery Commissioners increased cost for lease of plots this year.

There was discussion about scheduling Budget Hearings.

Accountant Biskis asked for return of Highway department. Superintendent is paid 40 hrs week for highway and also hours for snow & ice. Need some clarification.

Chairperson Malkin said this is an administrative issue not FinCom.

Town Administrator Carroll said we used to pay Keith from Snow & ice. *There was no further discussion on the issue.*

Ms. Divoll moved to adjourn. Mr. Golden seconded the motion. SO VOTED: 6 Ayes 1 not present.

Meeting adjourn at 5:06 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Approved 02/16/2022