

Chilmark FY23Budget Hearing #8 February 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Remotely participated:

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

Select Board: Bill Rossi and Chairperson James Malkin. *Warren Doty was not present.*

Others: Tim Carroll, Diana DeBlase, Ellen Biskis, Marina Lent, Katie Carroll, Don Hatch, Alison Kisselgof, Candy Shweder, Ebba Hierta, Jennie Greene and Jane Kaplan.

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

Minutes:

There are no completed draft minutes to review.

#152 Human Resources Board (HRB):

Jenny Greene Chairperson of HRB presented this budget. There were no increases made to this budget. *There were no questions.* Chairperson Murphy thanked Ms. Greene for attending tonight's meeting.

#610 Library:

Ebba Hierta the Chilmark library director presented this budget.

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Materials when budget increases we need to add more materials. This year we purchased electronic materials. 7% increase. Generous donation covered the COVID expenses amount so far has been about \$15,000.00 outside our regular budget. Mr. Glasgow asked if there have been changes to library usage. Ms. Hierta said it has been rebounding. We are fully open now. Not back to FY19 pre-COVID but each month more. Mr. Carroll asked if we really needed to offer streamed movies. Ms. Hierta said yes, they are very popular. Mr. Carroll pointed out that advertising was overspent and did library have enough budgeted for FY23. Mr. Hierta explained they would not increase line as it was for help wanted. Ms. Biskis asked if Chilmark school is coming back to utilize library? Ms. Hierta said not yet, we will assess this month. Hope to get them back soon.

Vicki Divoll arrived. Warren Doty arrived.

#430 Waste Management:

Don Hatch director of the Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal & Resource Recovery District presented this budget. Mr. Hatch said it is up considerably with residential waste since COVID more people are here year-round. Food waste line item free to residence but \$5.00 sticker fee to offset cost. As for hazard waste there has been a steep increase.

Mr. Glasgow asked where is food waste going. Mr. Hatch said Island Grown Initiative (IGI).

Mr. Hatch said the "digester" is at about ½ capacity. Mr. Glasgow asked if there are any other changes happening because the digester cannot handle all of the food waste for the island. Mr. Hatch said he is seeking alternate locations and digesters.

Mr. Hatch estimated 15 tons of weight reduced with separating out the food waste. Mr. Hatch said the past two years are some of the biggest (refuse volume) years we have seen. Chairperson Murphy thanked Mr. Hatch for attending tonight's meeting.

#510 Board of Health:

Katie Carroll Chairperson of the Board of Health was present to discuss this budget. (*Accountant Biskis readout the changes as the zoom connection was causing feedback with both Carroll's in same room*) Ms. Carroll discussed the Public Health Nursing line increase request. Ms. Carroll noted this line is not actually unspent as it appears in the data it is because Island Health have not done any billing They reported pandemic crazy, but verbally confirmed it has been expended. Mental health and hording has come to spike lately in our community. So want to have this increased to help with that. Telecommunications increased to pay for town supplied cell phone. To separate Marina Lents personal phone from work. Mr. Golden said thank you (Board of Health) for the COVID test kits.

Chairperson Murphy said this concludes agenda for today.

There was some discussion on the Housing Bill warrant article and if the FinCom would hear from the group. Town Administrator Carroll said he has reached out to Laura Silber to schedule a time they could attend a hearing and the Fincom could ask questions.

At 5:14 PM Chairperson Murphy asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Glasgow moved to adjourn. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 7 Ayes**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

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