

**FY2020 Budget Hearing #4 Chilmark FinCom & Selectmen Joint  
Meeting Minutes January 30, 2019**

**Present:** FinCom: Chairman Rob Hannemann, Eric Glasgow, Vicki Divoll, Don Leopold, Susan Murphy, Marshall Carroll and Bruce Golden. Selectmen: Warren Doty and Bill Rossi *James Malkin not present*  
Others: Tim Carroll, Melanie Becker, Ann Wallace, Chuck Hodgkinson, James Feiner and Diana DeBlase.

At 7:00 PM Chairman Hannemann called meeting to order in the Selectmen's meeting room on the second floor of the town hall.

Budget Department #945 Insurance:

Tim Carroll said the Police and Fire (department) insurance went up so that line was raised to show actual cost. Tim Carroll said we also have special commercial policies for: Lucy Vincent Beach, Squibnocket Beach, Marina (Harbor) and Boiler. The rest of the insurance is done through Massachusetts Inter-local Insurance Association (MIIA) that is a self-insured-pool. Tim Carroll said they put an increase of 2% for the MIIA plans. Mr. Carroll said the town department's work at specialized training to get insurance credits to lower the cost.

Budget Department #171 Conservation Commission (ConCom):

ConCom Administrative Assistant Chuck Hodgkinson presented this budget. Mr. Hodgkinson said his salary increase is only due to COLA increase because has reached the top of the step increase. Tim Carroll said longevity is the increase once someone is stepped out. There were no questions about this budget.

Budget Department # 176 Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA):

Administrative Assistant Chuck Hodgkinson presented this budget. Ms. Murphy said you have just about spent your entire advertisement budget. Mr. Hodgkinson said it depends on the number of ZBA applications we get and the newspaper of choice (Selectmen request) the Vineyard Gazette is more costly than the MV Times. Chairman Hannemann recommended additional \$500.00 be added to the advertisement line.

Budget Department # 179 Community Preservation Committee:

Administrative Assistant Chuck Hodgkinson presented this budget. Mr. Hodgkinson gave an explanation to each of the four (4) Community Preservation Act warrant articles that will be presented to the voters at the April Annual Town Meeting:

- To see if the Town will vote to approve the following request of the Community Preservation Committee: To see if the Town will vote to reserve from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2020 estimated annual revenues up to the following amounts for community preservation projects: **\$32,000.00** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space; **\$32,000.00** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Historic Resources; **\$32,000.00** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing; and **\$209,000.00** for the Community Preservation Budget Reserve.
  
- To see if the Town will vote to approve the following request of the Community Preservation Committee: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the fiscal year 2020 Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing Fund the sum of **\$50,000.00** to Island Elderly Housing, Inc. as Chilmark's contribution to fund the construction of five permanently affordable apartments for senior citizens earning approximately 60 percent of the Area Median Income. To fund this request \$50,000 will be transferred from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund to the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing.

CPA warrant continued...

- To see if the Town will vote to approve the following request of the Community Preservation Committee: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY 2020 Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing Fund the sum of **\$10,000.00** as Chilmark's share to fund the acquisition of future housing for homeless residents earning up to approximately 30 percent county median income. The project will be managed by Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard, Inc. The funds shall not be released until a closing date is scheduled for the property. An appropriate homeless affordable housing deed restriction shall also be filed with the deed to the property. If the property is sold or its use changes, 100 percent of the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town of Chilmark CPA fund reserves. If the Town has repealed the CPA the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town's Molly Flender Affordable Housing Trust.
- To see if the Town will vote to approve the following request of the Community Preservation Committee: To see if the Town will vote to reserve from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2019 estimated annual revenues up to the following additional amounts for community preservation projects: **\$6,449.00** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space; **\$6,449.00** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Historic Resources; **\$6,449.00** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing. Our state matching amount was slightly higher than estimated and budgeted. This will bring the total FY 2019 reserve amounts to the minimum 10 percent of total FY 2019 CPA revenue as required by the Community Preservation Act.

Budget Department # 650 Parks & Recreation:

Tim Carroll said we moved the budget line for mowing the baseball field to town owned facilities (Buildings) and the the Park & Rec only manages the Commercial Fishing Lots. Mr. Hodgkinson said the revenues for this department are about \$6,000.00.

Budget Department # 691 Historical Commission:

There was no discussion other than this looks good.

Budget Department # 185 Housing Committee:

Housing Committee Chairman James Feiner and Ann Wallace presented this budget. Mr. Feiner said their Administrative Assistant works 5 hours a week for the Housing Committee. Ms. Wallace who is also the Chilmark Representative to the Dukes County Housing Authority said it is great to hear that 75% of the CPA funds are being committed to Housing. There was discussion about the housing crisis the island is working on, and what Chilmark is doing. Mr. Rossi said we want the Chilmark Peaked Hill Property to be moving towards housing. There was discussion about the proposed housing bank. Also extensive discussion ensued about the new taxes on short term rentals that will be required July 1 2019 (the start of FY20).

Budget Department # 145 Town Treasurer:

Town Treasurer Melanie Becker presented this budget. Mr. Doty said this budget is great only a 2.87% increased due to COLA and Step (Ms. Becker decrease her expenses to keep under 3%). There was no further discussion.

Budget Department # 910 Employee Benefits:

Ms. Becker presented this budget. Ms. Becker said the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group will be recommending a 0% increase so she will have new figures updated very soon. There was discussion of increasing the OPEB contribution. Mr. Glasgow asked if the Town could restrict insurance policy choices for new hires to keep the cost to the town not too high (some of the policies are expensive). It was not clear what the legal requirements were on that question. No action was taken.

At 9:00 PM with no further items for discussion Ms. Divoll moved to adjourn. Mr. Golden seconded the motion. **SO VOTED:** FinCom 7 Ayes. Selectmen: 2 Ayes, 1 not present *James Malkin*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase. **Approved 01/23/2020**

Document list:

- CPA warrant articles