

**FY2020 Budget Hearing #6 Chilmark FinCom & Selectmen Joint  
Meeting Minutes February 4, 2019**

**Present:** FinCom: Chairman Rob Hannemann, Vicki Divoll, Don Leopold, Susan Murphy, Marshall Carroll, Bruce Golden and Eric Glasgow. Selectmen: Chairman James Malkin, Warren Doty and Bill Rossi. Others: Tim Carroll, Melanie Becker, Ellen Biskis, Sheriff Ogden, Mr. Graczykowski, Rodney Bunker, Dennis Jason, Police Chief Jonathan Klarén, Diana DeBlase and MVTV videographer.

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 # 192 Town Hall:

Tim Carroll presented this budget with Rodney Bunker. Mr. Carroll said the salary increase is just step and COLA. There were additional funds of \$1,000.00 added to building maintenance. This addition is for the contractor rate increase for the work on the air handler. Mr. Bunker said the air handler cost is covered in an existing warrant article.

Budget Department # 194 Chilmark Community Center (CCC):

Mr. Bunker said the CCC was built in the 1950s and discussed the plans to install air-conditioning through installation of splitters to cool the Community Center in the summer.

Budget Department # 210 Police Department:

Chief Klarén presented this budget. Chief Klarén said they increased their building maintenance line by \$1,000.00. This was under the recommendation of Mr. Bunker. Chief Klarén said Mr. Bunker has been doing a great job with the facilities maintenance. There was discussion about salaries. Chief Klarén said the police force is not a 24/7 operation but they are on call 24/7 365 days a year. The Police department has a stipend for an on call police officer and if they are called they also get an hourly salary in addition to the stipend. There was discussion about the warrant articles for replacement police cruisers and stabilization budget for vehicle replacements.

Budget Department # 295 Harbor Department:

Harbormaster Dennis Jason and Selectman Malkin presented this proposed FY20 budget. Mr. Malkin said the Harbormaster is retiring this coming year and we will have a new Harbormaster in place by April 2019. There was discussion about the position of Administrative Assistant for the Harbor Department and the hours being 8 hours a week. Ms. Divoll thanked Harbormaster Dennis Jason for his many years of service.

Budget Department #840 Sherriff's Department:

Sheriff Ogden and Mr. Graczykowski presented the budget and warrant article. There was extensive discussion about the need to fund the upgrades to the Communication Center infrastructure. There was a Motorola proposal with list of upgrades and cost. Chairman Hannemann said with this \$1,000,000 annually needed over the next few years does that ensure we are getting up-to-date equipment. Sherriff Ogden said no this is a ten year old system we would be installing but it is better than what is there now (1964 system). There was discussion from the FinCom members and the Selectmen about the need for local governance representation in the contract with the Sherriff to oversee budgeting and the stages of the upgrades. Sherriff Ogden said what we are running now is a fractured system; we don't know when it might fail. Sheriff Ogden gave some examples of recent communication failures. Sherriff Ogden assured the FinCom and the Selectmen that he would continue to apply for State funding.

At 9:05 PM with no further budgets on the agenda for discussion Mr. Glasgow moved to adjourn. Ms. Divoll seconded the motion. **SO VOTED:** FinCom 7 Ayes, BOS 3 Ayes.

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