

**FY2020 Budget Hearing #7 Chilmark FinCom & Selectmen Joint
Meeting Minutes February 6, 2019**

Present: FinCom: Marshall Carroll, Vicki Divoll, Don Leopold, Susan Murphy and Eric Glasgow. *Rob Hannemann and Bruce Golden were not present.* Selectmen: Chairman James Malkin and Warren Doty. *Bill Rossi was not present.* Others: Melanie Becker, Ellen Biskis, Katie Carroll, Don Hatch, Isaiah Scheffer, Emma Green- Beach, Wendy Weldon, Diana DeBlase and MVTV videographer.

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

Budget Department # 510 Board of Health:

Katie Carroll chairman of the Board of Health presented this budget. Ms. Carroll said they raised line 5316 for visiting nurse services. Ms. Carroll said we are working this year with Island Health Care instead of the VNA as they are more receptive of our plan to reach more seniors for home visits.

At 7:10 PM Rob Hannemann arrived. Mr. Glasgow handed the gavel back to Chairman Hannemann.

There was discussion of the Tri-Town Ambulance collaborating with the Board of Health in the future when there is a headquarters in Chilmark. There was also talk of hiring a professional and certified water inspector to test the Public Water Sources and what that would cost. There was no change to the water testing line at this time.

Martha's Vineyard Refuse District (MVRD):

Don Hatch of the MVRD presented this budget. Mr. Hatch said there is drastic change to the cost of recycling. Cost to haul recycling went from \$25.00 per ton to \$95.00 per ton. Mr. Hatch also pointed out that they are reducing the Hazmat Collection Days to only 3 events per year. There will no longer be a November or a September hazmat collection.

Tim Carroll recommended increasing the mowing line 5236 Landfill Maintenance by \$1,000.00 to allow for an additional mowing.

MV Shellfish Group (MVSG):

Co-Director of the MVSG Emma Green- Beach presented this budget. Ms. Green-Beach said all of the towns pay the same share of \$38,000.00. Ms. Green-Beach said there is an increase to the building maintenance line of \$10,000.00 but the cost will be covered in grants and fundraising.

Isaiah Scheffer Chilmark's Shellfish Constable said the MVSG raised 17 million Quahog and 3.3 are now in Chilmark waters. MVSG raised 24 million scallop seed and there are 2.7 million in Chilmark waters and of Oysters 10 million into Tisbury Great Pond and there are 167,000.00 in Chilmark waters. There was extensive talk of the life span and harvest times of the shellfish species and the importance of eelgrass.

Budget Department # 699 MV Cultural Council (MVCC):

MVCC member and Chilmark representative Wendy Weldon was present for this budget. Ms. Weldon said they are requesting an increase from \$3,000.00 from each town to \$3,500.00. Ms. Weldon said \$4,000.00 came back to Chilmark residents and organizations last year. FinCom members present supported this increase.

Budget Department # 196 Selectmen's Maintenance / Unclassified:

Mr. Doty said we have underspent this department for years so we will reduce Department Reserves line 5600 by \$10,000.00.

Annual Town Meeting (ATM) Warrant Article Discussion:

Tim Carroll handed out the ATM paperwork for review and said we don't need an override. Chairman Hannemann said he intends to produce a 3 page letter with pie charts of expenses that go to schools and public safety with commentary. Tim Carroll said we can also do a saturation mailing of our information to our voters prior to ATM.

Budget Department #199 Comfort Station:

Tim Carroll presented this proposed budget. Mr. Carroll said he recommended to raise this budget by \$6,000.00 for lines: Maintenance, Other purchase services (the cleaning contract) and Septic pump-outs. Mr. Doty said we have the cleaning service empty the 55 gallon trash barrels from Menemsha 5 times a day during the summer months.

There was discussion about the Housing Bank proposal and how it would be funded. Tim Carroll said the Housing Bank initiators are coming to the joint FinCom & Selectmen meeting for wrap-up of the FY20 budget tomorrow night. There was also discussion of the revenues estimated for FY20 that would be coming from the new short-term rental tax.

At 9:07 PM Mr. Glasgow moved to adjourn. Ms. Murphy seconded the motion. **SO VOTED:** FinCom: 6 Ayes 1 not present *Bruce Golden*. Selectmen: 2 Ayes 1 not present *Bill Rossi*.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase. **Approved 01/29/2020**

Document list:

- Tim Carroll's draft list of warrant articles to review prior to final budget hearing.