

January 24, 2019 Chilmark Budget Hearing #2, FinCom & Selectmen Joint Meeting Minutes

Present: FinCom: Chairman Rob Hannemann, Bruce Golden, Susan Murphy, Eric Glasgow, Vicki Divoll, Don Leopold *Marshall Carroll was not present*. Selectmen: Chairman James Malkin, Warren Doty and Bill Rossi. Others: Clarissa Allen, Margaret Maida, Leslie Clapp, Pam Bunker, Sam Hart, Candy Shweder, Ebba Hierta, Wayne Iacono, Ellen Biskis, Diana DeBlase and MVTV videographer.

At 7:00 PM Chairman Hannemann called meeting to order in the Selectmen's meeting room at the Chilmark town hall.

Department budget # 541- Center for Living:

Director for the Center for Living Leslie Clapp presented this budget. Ms. Clapp said they have had a year in their new building and it's been a learning process. Ms. Clapp said the center serves 35 individuals aged 60 to 90 years old and the center provides 24,000 hours of direct care in this budget.

Town Administrator Tim Carroll and Beach Superintendent Martina Mastromonaco arrived.

Ms. Clapp said this budget is \$2,000.00 less than FY2019. Ms. Class explained that the process for funding assessment is done now through the County using the 50/50 formula.

ACEMV:

ACE MV director Sam Hart presented this budget that is processed through the school department.

Mr. Hart explained some of the many programs offered through the Adult Continuing Education of Martha's Vineyard. Don Leopold recused himself from discussion as he is on the Board of Directors of ACE MV. The All Island School Committee is the sponsor of the program so there is a warrant through the school of \$70,000.00 to be divided up using the 50/50 formula. The amount of funding request coming to Chilmark on the warrant is \$7,979.00.

Department budget #610 - Chilmark Library:

Library Director Ebba Hierta and Library Board Chairman Candy Schweder presented this budget.

Ms. Hierta said there have been projects completed this year that came from donations and grants and wanted folks to know that tax dollars were not used. Ms. Hierta said these projects totaled \$75,000.00 *and listed them:*

- The front doors are now automated
- LED lighting throughout the building
- Hearing assisting throughout the building
- New Computers
- New furniture & re-upholstering in the children's section
- Margo Dotz murals

Ms. Hierta said she proposed moving more of the Library cost to the Town Owned Property line. Discussion ensued. The 5.67 % increase up from last year budget is due to the salary step & COLA and the CLAMS contractual obligations.

Department budget # 198 Town Owned Property:

Ms. Biskis said the items were removed from the Library budget and are listed here.

Ms. Biskis explained that all Electrical utilities for every department are listed here to track them but other than the Library all departments will still have a budget line for electrical utilities so they can build and track their budgets. Tim Carroll said we are still cleaning house for the net metering credits in the Schedule Z's. Mr. Hannemann said Green Communities software will help with this in the future. Tim Carroll also said that the solar array shown here we pay 85% of the going rate to Vineyard Power.

Department budget # 630 Beach Department: Beach Superintendent Martina Mastromonaco and Beach Committee Chairman Clarissa Allen and committee members Wayne Iacono and Margaret Maida were present-

for this budget discussion. Ms. Allen said our biggest increase to the budget is for Squibnocket Beach staffing and a dumpster. Ms. Allen said with the improvements to Squibnocket our revenues are increasing as well. Ms. Allen said revenues show \$221,205.00 with a budget request of \$253,992.30 that is pretty close to breaking even with offering Menemsha Beach free of charge. There was discussion of reductions to a couple of lines totaling about \$2,000.00 and the Chairman (Ms. Allen) will go over these directly with the Town Accountant (Ms. Biskis) for final figures to this department budget.

Department budget # 241 Building Inspector:

Building Inspector Lenny Jason presented this budget. Mr. Jason said he is adding a line for an Administrative Assistant for 2 hours a week starting at the beginning of FY2020. This budget request is for an additional \$2,300.00.

Department budget # 141 Assessors:

Assistant Assessor (Administrator) Pam Bunker and Assessors Lenny Jason and Clarissa Allen were present for this budget. Ms. Bunker explained that the increases are step & COLA in the salary line and contractual obligations under expenses. Ms. Bunker said once every 5 years we recertify our valuation on all town properties. Ms. Murphy asked if all the Chilmark Assessors had health insurance through the town of Chilmark. Ms. Bunker said yes they do same % as employees 75% paid by the town and they (individuals) are responsible for 25%.

Mr. Doty commended the Chilmark Assessors for the job they do.

Department budget # 122 Selectmen:

Tim Carroll said this budget is flat. There was no discussion about this budget.

Department budget # 196 Selectmen's Maintenance / Unclassified:

There was discussion about the reserve funds and how they are utilized. Mr. Doty said we removed amounts from departments that they routinely did not spend but are earmarking them for that department if needed. Mr. Hannemann said we have assigned FinCom liaisons to departments with big budgets. The goal is to have budgets keep within 5% of what they are asking for and not have such overages in the future.

Department budget # 131 Finance Committee:

Rob Hannemann said this budget is fine (was decreased by \$100.00) for a total of \$450.00.

Department budget # 151 Legal:

Rob Hannemann asked if the \$5,000.00 reduction in this department was reasonable. The total to this department with reduction is proposed at \$55,180.00. Mr. Doty said Ron Rappaport often gives Chilmark discounts. Mr. Malkin said the legal bills are astonishingly low unless we need to go outside of our regular legal counsel. Mr. Rossi recommended keeping this budget at the proposed \$55,180.00.

Department budget # 291 Emergency Management:

Tim Carroll said this doesn't show the expended figures for FY2019 he will correct this and return with actual figures expended. Mr. Carroll will amend the FY2020 proposed figure and return with recommendation.

At 9:02 PM with no further items on the agenda for discussion Mr. Glasgow moved to adjourn. Mr. Golden seconded the motion. **SO VOTED:** FinCom 6 Ayes 1 not present, *Marshall Carroll*
Selectmen: 3 Ayes.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase. **Approved 01/22/2020**