

**FY22 Budget Hearing #7 FinCom & Select Board February 9, 2021 Joint Meeting Minutes**

Remote participants: FinCom: Chairperson Rob Hannemann, Bruce Golden, Don Leopold, Susan Murphy, Eric Glasgow, Vicki Divoll. *Marshall Carroll was not present.* Select Board: Chairperson Bill Rossi, Warren Doty and James Malkin. Others: Tim Carroll, Ellen Biskis, Melanie Becker, Rob Lionette, Diana DeBlase.

At 5:05 PM Chairman Hannemann called the meeting to order on the Zoom platform.

Fire House & TTA Building warrant article:

The warrant was reviewed, some adjustments on wording was completed. Chairperson Hannemann recommended having 1 article for both buildings and connecting campus.

Mr. Golden moved to recommend approval of this warrant. Mr. Leopold seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 6 Ayes 1 not present** *Marshall Carroll.*

Chairperson Hannemann said we are looking into some detail of estimate of FY22 short-term rental income. Mr. Doty said the estimated amount to date is \$150,000. Accountant Ellen Biskis said we can't say until it has been certified. Mr. Doty said it would not be wrong to estimate \$300,000.00. Ms. Biskis said yes.

Chairperson Hannemann said most of the budgets in the town budget are important services.

At 5:18 the Chairman Hannemann's zoom internet connection failed he contacted meeting via telephone call to ask Don Leopold to carry on as chairman.

Mr. Leopold recognized Mr. Malkin for discussion about old warrant articles from Harbor Department. Mr. Malkin said \$15,961.00 could help fund harbor warrant articles that we were looking at for FY22. Up to \$60,000 of waterways. Also reduction to salary of \$5,000.00 (-\$24,000) out of budget.

Mr. Carroll said with these recommended reductions and changes to harbor department budget we have reduced budget by \$24,000.00.

Mr. Doty recommended to post pone the drone package for the Fire Department. Also remove Shellfish hatchery \$30,000.00 other towns use CPC funds. Consider it for Special Town Meeting in the fall.

There was discussion about Budget Analyses bill payable software modules by Zobrio.

Ms. Biskis said we need to talk about this with Mr. Carroll as she has 10 years of history for the software data. Mr. Carroll said this can be post postponed to Fall Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Carroll said the warrant to remove playground at police station could be taken off warrant.

Chairperson Hannemann asked how much to we have to cut to meet our objectives.

Mr. Carroll said \$400,000.00. Look at \$340,000 school warrant articles

Believe school article Capital exclusions, about \$26,000 is not

Ms. Divoll asked what does capital exclusions means Mr. Carroll said 1-year increase to the levy limit to the town.

Mr. Doty said the school warrant articles are very important and we want to say yes to them.

It was decided that Tim Carroll and Ellen Biskis would get together with figures to iron out the details.

Mr. Leopold said when we net it all out based on what is the tax base; what do we need to do to avoid going over the levy limit.

Mr. Carroll pointed out that the education section will need to also be on the ballot. Mr. Malkin said if we are under the override now he would like to put some items back in for the harbor.

Mr. Doty discussed some of the warrant articles we wanted to remove from raise and appropriate: Shellfish, Drone, Comfort Station.

Chairperson Hannemann asked Mr. Carroll to please call Fire Chief to confirm the articles we are removing are ok to remove.

#### **Town Admin warrant article list**

Article #4 CTAC CCC joint maintenance.

Article #5 FinCom Reserve there was discussion to lower \$40,000. Chairperson Hannemann said we could remove \$10,000 but asked if it was necessary.

Article #6 reserve fund for compensation Absences lower to \$5,000.00 from \$10,000

Article #7 General Stabilization \$130,000.00

Additional stabilizations left as requested.

School warrants the MVRHS Tech infrastructure is the only one not sure is needed.

Ms. Becker Town's Treasurer said the OPEB for MVRHS is the least funded. For reference they are approaching %10 we are approaching 55%.

Dukes County Regional Services. Chairperson Rossi said we (Mr. Rossi is on the board as the Select Board representative) send money back to the towns that is not spent. Looking at a county stabilization. Recommend staying the way they are.

Dukes County Sheriff RECC: Chairperson Hannemann said we can go with one of 2 approaches;

1 fund only maintenance

2. Keep on for this year but aggressively discuss this with sheriff open to either recommendation.

Mr. Carroll said he supports # 2 going forward.

Chairperson Rossi said we need more transparency from the Sherriff's office. Chairperson Rossi said I like Bob (Sheriff Ogden) he attacks his budget like a sporting event and he wants to win.

Ms. Murphy asked when do we need to finish and publish warrant. Mr. Carroll said at March Select Board meeting.

Send letter to Sheriff Office from FinCom or BOS 2 separate warrant article s. advisory board review vs sheriff coming to towns. RH/ what do you recommend its \$14,000 to us. JM/ resubmit budget proposal with maintenance only. Mr. Carroll shared concern that if we trigger 1 town out everyone out.

Mr. Carroll said you (Fincom) can take no action and then follow up at ATM. Ms. Divoll supported to give Sheriff the chance to break it out. Chairperson Hannemann said he would be happy to draft an email. Chairperson Rossi said he thinks it should be a joint letter from BOS & FinCom.

Mr. Leopold moved to have Chairperson Hannemann write & send letter to Select Board to send to Sheriff's Office. Ms. Murphy seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 6 Ayes FinCom 1 not present Marshall Carroll.**

Article # BOA re-valuation \$40,000.00. Mr. Carroll said he would find out if entire amount is necessary.

Discussion moved to items confirmed to be cut from warrant.

- Comfort Station removed
- Police station Playground removal removed \$5,000

Chairperson Rossi recommended CPA fund for the Police station roof repairs as the copula is historical.

Accountant Biskis said she can work these changes and numbers for tomorrow's meeting.

Mr. Carroll said we will meet 5:00 PM tomorrow to review modified budget and warrant articles for votes.

Mr. Doty asked to share a positive thing; The MV – COVID vaccine rollout has been very successful for over 75 year olds.

At 6:33 PM with no further items for discussion Mr. Golden moved to adjourn. Ms. Murphy seconded the motion. **SO VOTED FinCom: 6 Ayes, 1 not present, Select Board 3 Ayes**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

**Approved 09/23/2021**