

Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes of Meeting 3/3/2020
Aquinnah Town Hall

Members present: Chairman Allen Rugg, Mark Foster, Tom Murphy (via phone)

Also present: Accountant Emily Day, Town Administrator Jeffrey Madison, Selectmen Gary Haley, Selectmen Julie Vanderhoop, Selectmen Jim Newman, Interim Library Director Rosa Parker, Sarah Kuh of Dukes County Vineyard Health Care Access, Dukes County Manager Martina Thornton

- The meeting began at 9:32am.

- The Committee meet with Rosa Parker, Library Dir. Current budget does not reflect correct salary wages (to be corrected by Sibel). Library has a Municipal Appropriation Requirement (MAR) from the State of \$157,521 (Library needs to meet this requirement). Current budget is \$2,000 below the MAR. Rosa corrected one Library Assoc. hours, increasing it from 18hrs to 20.5 which increased the budget making it \$1,000 over the MAR (total budget is only \$200 increase from FY'20 budget). Expenses will decrease to \$45,625 making the overall budget \$158,374. Budget still needs to be approved by the Library Trustees.

- Next, the Committee met with Martina Thornton, Dukes County Manager, and Sarah Kuh of Dukes County Vineyard Health Care Access, to review the requested warrant articles. The following was discussed: Aquinnah's shared portion of total County budget is 2.99% (based on the 50/50 formula); there are 9 warrant articles, 2 of which are directly related to County finances; Vineyard Health Care Access Program and \$11,150 request (approx. \$600 increase from FY'20); Social Services Program and \$1,536 request; Substance Use Disorder and Homelessness Prevention Program and \$897 request (total request is \$30,000, \$20,000 decrease from FY'20); Center for Living (\$17,743 request); Programs contracted with MV Community Services - First Stop (\$936 request – level funded from FY'20), Healthy Aging (\$3,344 request – increased due to change in staff position/duties) and CORE (\$2,392 request – level funded from FY'20); development of new positions within external programs and County programs and the regional contract; Creation of County stabilization fund - 10% of assessment will be put into fund (Aquinnah's share is \$1,825); in FY'19, Sheriff Alarm Fee contract with County was terminated, creating a shortfall, and to fund this shortfall the County added a 5% admin fee on each program which was not well received by Towns (County cannot do a general override); this year the County is addressing the shortfall by requesting actual needed funds from the Towns directly (projection to balance County budget is \$60,000 – Aquinnah's share is \$2,172); additional request from County is \$6,000 bond commitment for County building.

- The Committee discussed the agenda for their next meetings: meeting with Tri Town Ambulance and Dukes Country Regional Housing Authority on March 5th. Emily will send out a FY'20 and FY'21 comparison of County requests. The Committee agreed that they will consider adding the County requests to the budget once they reach a final budget.

- With no other business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. **The Committee voted 3-0 in favor. The motion passed.** The meeting ended at 10:59am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sophia Welch
Board Administrative Assistant