

## **Aquinnah Finance Committee Meeting**

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Minutes

*This meeting was held via videoconference*

Members Present: Allen Rugg, Tom Murphy, Mark Foster & Howard Goldstein (alternate member)

Also present: Town Administrator Jeff Madison, Select Board Chair Jim Newman

- Allen called the meeting to order at 9:32am

- Mark motioned to accept the 3/25/21 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Tom. The Committee voted 3-0, the motion passed.

- Allen informed the Committee that after the last Fin Comm meeting, additional requests came in pushing the projected override to \$100,000. Jeff, Select Board and Emily worked on decreasing the override and now the Town will avoid an override by approx. \$12,000, should all warrant articles pass at Town Meeting. The following items were changed which resulted in savings: DPW proposal of \$18,000 for fencing at Lighthouse (existing fence can be repaired); DPW proposal of \$15,000 for trimming of trees (Select Board not considering this project at this time); DPW Forman increase proposal from 35hrs to 40hrs is now being presented at 37.5hrs; reduction of OPEB deficit contribution from \$50,000 to \$25,000 (difference should be recouped in the future); Planning of capital improvements article has changed and Jeff is proposing to take \$85,000 out of the stabilization fund for the improvement project (appropriate use of the fund); Police hybrid vehicle proposal is now \$13,000 (\$6,000 reduction); Fire Chief will be getting the 3% COLA. The Committee briefly discussed the stabilization reserve fund.

- The Committee reviewed the following proposed warrant articles:

Article 3: FY'22 Town Operating Budget – Allen entertained a motion to recommend the budget. Motion was moved by Tom and seconded by Mark. The Committee voted 3-0, the motion passed.

Article 4 – High School OPEB Contribution - \$6,472.93 (Aquinnah's share)

article 5 – Shingling of Superintendents Office - \$641.94 (Aquinnah's share)

Article 6 – High School purchase of two electrical school buses - \$5,596.58 (Aquinnah's share)

Article 7 – Upgrade of High School technology infrastructure - \$14,048.92 (Aquinnah's share)

Article 8 – FY'22 All Island School Committee contract for adult and community education - \$2,990.00 (Aquinnah's share)

Article 9 – Sale of Town parcel off Lighthouse Road and rescinding of prior articles

Article 10 – Lease for new Police hybrid vehicle - \$13,474.10 (1<sup>st</sup> year of a 4-year lease)

Article 11 – West Tisbury School roof installation project - \$23,248.40 (Aquinnah's share)

Article 12 – Chilmark School door replacement project - \$6,805.85 (Aquinnah's share)

Article 13 – West Tisbury School walk in refrigerator replacement project - \$5,393.63 (Aquinnah's share)

Article 14 – Chilmark School window replacement project - \$19,996.41 (Aquinnah's share)

Article 15 – West Tisbury School elevator replacement - \$3,265.28 (Aquinnah's share)

Article 16 – \$506.25 for Film Truth FY'20 expenses related to website maintenance

Article 17 – Purchase for new lawn mower and trailer for DPW - \$11,200

Article 18 – \$5,000 for Island Wide Emergency Manager Coordinator

Article 19 – \$30,000 for FY'22 restroom maintenance

Article 20 – Transfer of money from Stabilization Fund for the planning of capital improvements

Article 21 – \$20,000 redesignation of prior articles for parking at Library and Town Hall

Article 22, 23, 25 and 26 – CPC articles – Finance Committee deferred action

Article 24 – Use of land behind Town Hall and affordable housing units

Article 27 – \$5,000 MV Commission request for Transportation Planner – wording needs adjustment as Aquinnah has renegotiated request from original \$15,000 from all towns to \$5,000 from Aquinnah

Tom motioned to approve the warrant articles as presented. Motion was seconded by Mark. **The Committee voted 3-0, the motion passed.**

- There was brief discussion regarding the makeup of the Finance Committee (3 members one of which is an elected official seat).

- Meeting adjourned at 10:06am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophia Welch