

Finance Committee

March 30th, 2023 Meeting

9:33am

*Meeting occurred both in person and via zoom (*zoom attendees)*

Members Present: Howard Goldstein *, Jim Newman, Tom Murphy

Also Present: Jeff Madison, Administrator; Emily Day, Accountant; Marina Lent, Board of Health Assistant; Gary Haley, Select Board

Town departmental FY24 budget review:

Board of Health - budget is level funded aside from salary adjustments (compensation plan adjustment and COLA); 1% increase to Landfill District assessment. Committee discussed the “nursing” line item and services at length with the BoH Assistant. Tom asked Marina to discuss the BoH representative seat with the board for this coming year. Other two items that are not BoH related but fall under the public health umbrella: Up Island Council on Aging assessment has increased 1.4% (\$55,150); Dukes County Regional Housing Authority assessment increased by 12.3% (\$12,988).

Review of draft Warrant:

Article one – election and override question (amount still pending)

Article two – standard to allow members of boards/committees to address town meeting; FinCom questioned whether this was the appropriate location for these reports

Article three – FY24 proposed budget

Article four – funding to complete schematic design phase of town buildings (amount pending is excessive of what the town has already appropriated for the project)

Article Five - \$18,876.20 to upgrade heating at West Tisbury School

Article six - \$2,990 for All Island School Committee contract for continuing community education

Article seven – police department request of \$6,958.68 for longevity payment to Sargent Manning

Article eight - \$2,100 police department request for new printer; unclear if this would be more appropriate to fall within budget line item

Article nine - \$25,000 use of town waterways account to pay a portion of MV Shellfish Group assessment (need to check on legality of this); MV Shellfish group FY24 assessment is \$39,000

Article ten – \$23,476.97 for MV Public Safety Communications System in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement

Article eleven – \$5,000 MVC renewal of Transportation and Engineering services

Article twelve – “Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration” general bylaw

Article thirteen – “Specialized Energy Code” general bylaw

Article fourteen – address outstanding bills from prior fiscal years (amount pending); recommendation made that the parties that approved the bills present at town meeting (approval requires 9/10 vote); recommendation to split the bills into separate articles

Article fifteen – replacement of town hall generator (amount pending); existing generator is working but does not have sufficient capacity

Article sixteen – \$16,000 to fund sailing summer program; discussion concerning insurance cost for program (potentially \$19,000 for insurance)

Article seventeen – convey set-off lot to heirs for Shirley A Francis Jardin (requested by petition); request to get more information on value of the land

Article eighteen – purchase and installation of video conferencing equipment for hybrid meetings (amount pending)

Article nineteen – purchase and installation of wireless speaker system for the Town Hall

Article twenty – \$50,000 transfer from available funds to the Town “Other Post-Employment Stabilization Fund”

Article twenty-one – \$35,703.26 for highway construction or improvements (amount reimbursable from State)

Article twenty-two – increase of short-term rental tax from 4% to 6%

Article twenty-three – purchase and installation of mini splits in town offices (amount pending)

Article twenty-four – acceptance of land gift near Philbin Parking lot

Article twenty-five – overtime payment due to Town Highway Supervisor for prior years (amount pending)

Article twenty-six - thirty – community preservation committee articles; typically Fincom does not take any action on CPC articles

Next meeting: April 6th at 10am (library budget, free cash report and final recommendation). Will need an additional meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49am