

**Tisbury Finance & Advisory Committee  
at the Tisbury Emergency Services Building  
6:30PM, Wednesday, March 30, 2016**

Present: Co-Chairs – Jeff Kristal & Paul Cefola, Pamela Brock, Nancy Gilfoy,  
Tom Keller, Jynell Kristal, Mary Ellen Larsen;  
Town: Selectmen – Melinda Loberg, Town Administrator – Jay Grande,  
Treasurer – Jonathon Snyder,  
Others: Tony Peake  
Minutes – Marni Lipke \* Late arrivals or early departures

The Tisbury Finance and Advisory Committee (FinCom) convened at 6:34PM and resumed votes on the warrant articles (see 3/2/16 Minutes p. 2-10).

Minutes

• *JYNELL KRISTAL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2016 AS AMENDED; MARY ELLEN LARSEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION—PAUL CEFOLA due to absence.*

The following amendments were noted:

- paragraph on amending the February 17, 2016 minutes was deleted,
- the February 17, 2016 minutes were voted as amended.

**Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrant Article Review and Recommendations—Including Any Unfinished Discussions**

Annual Town Meeting (ATM) #19 \$95,000 – New Town Pump Out Vessel

The verbal report (written report to follow) stated the pump-out boat was serviceable and it was expected the Article would be pulled.

• *NANCY GILFOY MOVED THAT THE TISBURY FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE #19 **\$95,000 TO REPLACE THE PUMP OUT VESSEL**; MARY ELLEN LARSEN SECONDED; MOTION **FAILED UNANIMOUSLY: 0 AYES, 7 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.***

• Along with other pulled articles (e.g. ATM Article #38) and budget reductions, this could considerably reduce the amount of the override but the ballot was already printed at \$350,000. The FinCom discussed voting patterns and how to publicize the issue.

- In comparison with last year's articles, the FinCom noted the rise in prices:
  - Underground Utilities went from \$192,000 to \$300,000;
  - Refuse went from \$35,000 to \$55,000—previously under-budgeted;
  - Drop/Off Recycling from \$90,000 to \$135,000—previously under-budgeted;

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- Sick/Vacation from \$160,000 to \$200,000.
- Increases such as paramedic expenses were due to increased regulations and unfunded mandates.
- The FinCom suggested raising trash, sewer and mooring fees.
- The FinCom could sponsor a televised forum on the Budget and Warrant Articles to further inform the community and facilitate Town Meetings.
- Next year the FinCom planned to start the process earlier, going over the departmental budgets on a line-by-line basis.

Later in the meeting further articles were discussed and voted.

ATM Article #34 – \$65,523.80 Tisbury School Roof Residual Transfer

(See documents on file & 2/10/16 Minutes p. 3.)

Town Counsel ruled this was a legal transfer.

- *PAMELA BROCK AND NANCY GILFOY MOVED THAT THE TISBURY FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND ARTICLE #34 TRANSFER OF \$65,523.80 FROM THE TISBURY SCHOOL TOWN ROOF RESIDUAL; MARY ELLEN LARSEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

ATM #39 \$60,000 – Structural Study of Town Hall Main Roof and Steeple

(See 3/23/16 Minutes p. 4.)

An outside contractor/engineer was needed to examine the structural integrity and draft specs for a Request of Proposal (RFP). This was a required preliminary step to apply for Community Preservation funding.

- *NANCY GILFOY MOVED THAT THE TISBURY FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND ARTICLE #39 \$60,000 FOR A STRUCTURAL STUDY OF THE TISBURY TOWN HALL ROOF AND STEEPLE; PAUL CEFOLA SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

- Tony Peake was critical of Tisbury School plans and argued for a delay, giving the following rationale:

- the number of expensive, imminent capital projects: Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS), Tisbury Wastewater Upgrade, Town Hall/Annex, etc.;
- the possibility of a centralized middle school either separate from or as a part of the MVRHS;
- per-pupil costs that were already some of the highest in the Commonwealth;
- economies of scale in regionalizing service bureaucracies (police, fire, Emergency Medical Services – EMS, etc.).

The FinCom responded that the article was part of State funding that would institute this conversation on Town planning and possibilities: location, configuration, renovation, new construction, and other Town needs. They urged Mr. Peake to voice his valuable opinions during these dialogs.

- The FinCom set the next meeting (see below: Meetings/Events).

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**• Voter Guide Review and Discussion**

- FinCom outlined dissenting vote rational for the draft *Voter Guide*:  
Special Town Meeting (STM) Article #14 – Planning Board 3,000 sq. ft. - regulation duplication and delays;  
STM Article #15 - Site Plan Review – the process was informative and helpful—no reason to eliminate;  
STM Article #18 – Zoning Bylaw Definitions – not enough information  
STM Article #19 – Plastic Bag Ban –having no financial impact this comprised issues more properly the purview of the citizens;  
ATM Article #7 – Beach Rd. Underground Utilities - too many competing capital projects—not a priority;  
ATM Article #10 – Healthy Aging MV – duplication of services; (there was a discussion on the FirstStop website usefulness and different service offerings);  
ATM Article #20 a) – CPC MV Museum – against regional projects;  
ATM Article #20 c) – CPC Tabernacle Benches – against regional projects;  
ATM Article #20 p) – MV Sharks Concession - against regional projects and a quasi-profit organization and avoidance of Title 9 athletic equality for girls  
ATM Article #24 – Service of Hard Liquor – retaining Town character and consistency;  
ATM Article #32 – Lake St. Walkway – premature—park not yet in existence; (remediation measures for storm-water run-off into Tashmoo were explained);  
ATM Article #38 – Athletic Field Repair – expected to be pulled;  
ATM Articles #42 & #43 – Union Settlements– pending negotiations outcome.  
The FinCom thanked Nancy Gilfoy for her excellent work on the *Guide*.
  
- The principal Town Hall copier was failing definitively and the Selectmen requested a \$1,155 Reserve Fund to cover three monthly FY16 lease payments on a new copier. The FinCom discussed:
  - FY17 source for the lease payments (from miscellaneous residuals);
  - hard use of municipal machines;
  - advantages of leasing: service, replacement, technology upgrades, etc.
  - machine features: color and black & white copies, printing, fax, and scanner.
- *JYNELL KRISTAL MOVED TO APPROVE A \$1,155 RESERVE FUND TRANSFER TO THE SELECTMEN’S BUDGET EQUIPMENT LINE #5850 FOR A NEW COPIER/PRINTER LEASE CONTINGENT UPON A PROPERLY SIGNED REQUEST; MARY ELLEN LARSEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
  
- Fewer Annual Town Reports would be printed however it would not greatly reduce costs as the principal expense was set-up. The FinCom asked why printing was done by DaRosas and not Tisbury Printer.

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- Leslie Segal and Ryan Shea were interested in serving on the FinCom.

• **Adjourn**

- *MARY ELLEN LARSEN AND PAUL CEFOLA MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:15PM; NANCY GILFOY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

**Meetings/Events:**

- Visioning Meeting - 6:00PM, Thursday, March 31, 2016 - KCT
- April 4th - Healthy Aging MV Community Meeting
- **FinCom - 6:15PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2016 - Tisbury School Gym**
- Special & Annual Town Meetings - 7:00PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2016
- Town Election - Tuesday, April 26, 2016

**Action List:**

- Jeff/Paul – post meeting agendas for March 30th, & April 6th.
- Jeff/Paul – email all members and Marni re: meeting agendas.
- All – hit “Reply All” when responding to scheduling emails
- Jay Grande/Jon Snyder – price out Tisbury Printers re: Town Report

**Documents on file:** (See 3/23/16 Documents on file.)

- Agenda 3/30/16
- Kristal/Snyder/Doneski emails re: Can We Use Funds Appropriated in 2007 for a Different Purpose (3 p.) 3/24/16
- Snyder/Lipke emails re: FinCom May Need to Meet (2 p.) 3/24/16
- The Tisbury Finance and Advisory Committee’s Voter Guide Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2016 (9 p.)

Minutes approved 4/20/16.