

Finance Advisory Committee

May 1, 2020

4:00 pm

A meeting of the Committee was held on the above date and time via the Zoom Application. Members present were: Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Leslie Baynes, James Carter, Robert Coad, , and Paul Pertile.

Also present were members of the Board of Selectmen: Margaret Serpa and Arthur Smadbeck as well as Town Administrator – James Hagerty

Mrs. Lowell-Bettencourt opened the meeting and Mr. Hagerty then presented a line item transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Health Insurance account to the Town Administrator Expense Account. Mr. Hagerty explained that this was for additional expenses associated with planned outdoor Town Meeting. Mr. Baynes moved to approve the transfer. Ms. Lowell Bettencourt seconded. Unanimous. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the transfer, Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Hagerty then presented a line item transfer of \$35,000.00 to the Police Expense Account from the Police Salary account. Mr. Hagerty explained that this was for additional maintenance costs of the building. Mr. Baynes moved to approve the transfer. Ms. Lowell Bettencourt seconded. Unanimous. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the transfer, Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Hagerty then presented a line item transfer of \$19,733.26 to the Fire Department expense account from the Health insurance account. Mr. Hagerty explained that this was for additional insurance costs for fire fighters. Mr. Baynes moved to approve the transfer. Ms. Lowell Bettencourt seconded. Unanimous. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the transfer, Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Hagerty then explained that he has spoken to all departments heads and requested they eliminate anything that they did not need for the next 12 months in order to save free cash for the upcoming year. Mr. Hagerty then went through each article and explained the rationale behind the adjusted numbers.

ACE	\$15,425
Assessors	\$0
Cemetery	\$0
Conservation Comm	\$10,000
Conservation Comm	\$0
Dredge	\$0
Dukes County	\$9,807
Dukes County	\$16,796
Dukes County	\$121,901
Dukes County	\$193,987
Dukes County	\$10,232
Dukes County	\$26,152
Dukes County	\$36,564
Dukes County	\$20,015
Dukes County	\$23,826
DCSD	\$68,153
Edgartown School	\$45,000
Energy Committee	\$0
Fire Department	\$0
FinComm	\$60,000
Harbormaster	\$50,000
Highway	\$100,000
Highway	\$100,00
Highway	\$25,000
Human Resources	\$0
Board of Selectmen	\$0
MV Youth Task Force	\$0
MVRHS	\$25,037
Petition Ocean Heights	\$85,000
Park Department	\$52,000
Park Department	\$0
Park Department	\$0
Police Department	\$51,282
Police Department	\$0
Board of Selectmen	\$50,000
Board of Selectmen	\$0
Board of Selectmen	\$20,000
Board of Selectmen	\$50,000

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Shellfish Department	\$38,000
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Shellfish Department	\$44,000
VTA	\$177,000
Wastewater	\$74,000

Then group then discussed reductions in the operating budget in the form of COLA and personnel increases. They requested that Mr. Hagerty reach out to departments and have a discussion about COLA.

Mr. Baynes moved to approve the updated special and annual warrant. Mrs. Lowell Bettencourt seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:55 PM Mr. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Lowell-Bettencourt seconded. Unanimous.

Donna Lowell-Bettencourt,
Leslie Baynes,
James Carter
Robert Coad
Steve Jordan
Paul Pertile
Scott Morgan (Alternate)

Respectfully submitted,

James Hagerty
Town Administrator