

TOWN OF EDGARTOWN  
**FY23 Joint Meetings of Financial Advisory Committee and the Selectboard**  
Wednesday, January 26, 2022 – 3:00 PM  
ZOOM MEETING

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FINCOM)**

Donna Lowell-Bettencourt – Chair, Leslie Baynes – Vice-Chair (VC), James Carter, Robert Coad, Nedine Cunningham, Steve Jordan\*, Paul Pertile

**SELECTBOARD (SB)**

Margaret E. Serpa – Chair, Arthur Smadbeck

**OTHERS:**

James Hagerty – Town Administrator (TA), Reade Kontje Milne – Building/Zoning Inspector, Matt Poole – Health Agent, Don Hatch – Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal District (MVRDD), Christopher Scott – Board of Assessors Member, Alan Strahler – Energy Committee Chair, Melissa Kuehne

\*Members that arrived later.

Chair Donna Lowell-Bettencourt called the FINCOM meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Chair Margaret E. Serpa called the SB meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

*(Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).*

***Documents on file as referred to during the meeting: FY23 Edgartown Budget Book 14 January 2022.pdf***

TA James Hagerty screen shared the appropriate pages as each agenda item was presented/reviewed.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:**

Reade Kontje Milne said overall there were some minor shifts; the biggest change was an increase in inspector salaries. She was asking for increased hours for her local inspector due to workload; a chart comparing Edgartown (10 hrs/wk) to Tisbury (40 hrs/wk), West Tisbury (37.5 hrs/wk) and Oak Bluffs (40 hrs/wk) was screen shared.

TA Hagerty recommended increasing the fees; Ms. Milne said she had been doing analysis and would be happy to present her recommendations at a future meeting; Chair Lowell-Bettencourt asked to have it ready for the February meeting if possible, for it to move along in a timely manner to be in effect for July 1, 2023.

\*Steve Jordan arrived.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT/MVRDD:**

Matt Poole said the budget was level funded; the Service Contracts and Environmental Monitoring/Landfill lines had increased. Don Hatch said increases were in recycling which now included food waste; he saw the offset with increased sticker prices for the food waste programs at all the Island drop off centers.

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS:**

Christopher Scott said the budget increase was 1.09%; salary adjustments were the bulk of the budget changes.

**ENERGY COMMITTEE:**

Alan Strahler said there was one Warrant Article:

1. \$62,000 to provide an electric vehicle fast charging station for Town public use for 5 years.

He explained the value of having a fast charging station and that it accommodated all types of EV cars.

Members discussed issues including people parking there beyond charging and the solutions that were in place to manage issues; if it would be user supported and the necessary fees to cover all expenses; grant opportunities that would cover the capital expense and timeline restrictions [if awarded].

After a lengthy discussion, it was recommended to use the Dark Woods location as a pilot; to see how it was used and to establish history to move forward with another location.

**TOWN COLLECTOR:**

Melissa Kuehne reviewed department staffing changes and salaries; including her retirement as of June 30, 2023.

**OTHER:**

Chair Lowell-Bettencourt said there was a transfer request from the Airfield Capital Project in the amount of \$22,894; TA Hagerty said the amount needed to be adjusted up by \$4000 due to recently discovered plumbing needs. He reviewed the steps that had been taken to date for this project including delays due to COVID-19: the goal was to get this project done without any more delays.

*PAUL PERTILE MOVED TO TRANSFER FROM THE RESERVE FUND \$26,894. SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STEVE JORDAN. THE COMMITTEE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MR. BAYNES—AYE, MS. LOWELL-BETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. CARTER—AYE, MR. COAD—AYE, MS. CUNNINGHAM—AYE, MR. JORDAN—AYE & MR. PERTILE—AYE.*

- ★ The next meeting was scheduled on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*DISCUSSION ENSUED THEREON, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MARGARET E. SERPA AND SECONDED BY ARTHUR SMADBECK, THE SELECTBOARD MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 3:48 PM.*

*DISCUSSION ENSUED THEREON, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE BY LESLIE BAYNES AND SECONDED BY STEVE JORDAN, THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 3:54 PM.*

Respectfully submitted;

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James Hagerty, Town Administrator

*Teresa Kruszewski, Recorder*