

TOWN OF EDGARTOWN  
**FY23 Joint Meetings of Financial Advisory Committee and the Selectboard**  
Tuesday, January 25, 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, Paul Pertile *Not present: Steve Jordan*

**SELECTBOARD (SB)**

Margaret E. Serpa – Chair, Arthur Smadbeck

**OTHERS:**

James Hagerty – Town Administrator (TA), William Burke – Wastewater Facilities Manager, Alexander J. Schaeffer – Fire Chief (FC), Bruce R. McNamee – Chief of Police (COP), Peter Graczykowski – Lieutenant Colonel (LC)/Asst. Superintendent, David Vigneault – DCRHA/Executive Director (ED)

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.

**WATER DEPARTMENT:**

William Burke said the budget went up about 1.5%; the biggest increase was in the Maintenance and Office Supply lines. He said there was a reduction in the Solid Waste Removal line to \$106,000 from \$120,000 (FY22); they still had two staff vacancies. He reviewed areas of the Facility that were not in compliance with State [Massachusetts] Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations based on the age of equipment, and the sources of funding that were available in addition to the Articles listed below.

**7 Warrant Articles:**

1. \$60,000 for paving the Wastewater Facility parking lot.
2. \$250,000 for Sludge Pump replacements.
3. \$250,000 for WAS Pump replacements.
4. \$80,000 for Scum Pump replacements.
5. \$70,000 for Autosampler replacement.
6. \$74,000 for Equipment and Collection System Maintenance account.
7. \$491,000 for a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP).

**FIRE /AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT:**

FC Alexander J. Schaeffer said the Fire budget was straightforward; salaries and wages had an increase based on an earlier discussion for their strategic plan. Expenses had increased for vehicle maintenance as labor (\$200/hr) far exceeded any of the components; they were trying to have work done on the Island; staff step increases impacted the Ambulance budget.

Members discussed average ambulance runs and age group breakdowns; FC Schaeffer said he would provide the additional information as he didn't have it with him; TA Hagerty said there was a monthly breakdown of calls by department, on the Town website under the Department Heads Reports.

**2 Warrant Articles:**

1. \$57,059 to purchase battery extrication tools.
2. \$161,184 to convert an all-wheel drive chassis from FEMA surplus equipment to serve as a water tanker.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

COP Bruce R. McNamee said there was an increase of \$32,000 of contractual requirements for salaries; expenses increased \$12,600 due to heating oil expenses and computer leases.

2 Warrant Articles:

1. \$167,503 to purchase and equip three new police cruisers and authorize the COP and SB to dispose of two in the best interest of the Town.
2. \$57,827 for building maintenance and upgrades to security at the Police Station.

**DUKES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

LC Peter Graczykowski reviewed the radio upgrades, project logistics and associated costs; they were moving from the development stage to the maintenance stage. The major item in the budget was the Applied Communications Services, Inc. (ACSi) Radio contract. He discussed the need of finding a tower location as it was an important and necessary next step; it was temporarily located on Chappaquiddick.

1 Warrant Articles:

1. \$66,780.71 to support maintenance costs of the Martha's Vineyard Public Safety Communication System.

**DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (DCRHA):**

ED David Vigneault said increases were 5.7% overall which were primarily driven by health care and cost of living (COLA) increases. He pointed out the FY2023 50/50 contribution increased to 33.49% from the prior year contribution level. Members discussed the [small] amount of units available in the Town, compared to Edgartown's 'lion share' financial contribution.

VC Les Baynes discussed the impacts of the Housing Bank and the MVRHS [anticipated] building project; the Equalized Valuation represented about 5% of the overall budget; he suggested a separate section for regional entities.

- ★ The next meeting was scheduled on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*DISCUSSION ENSUED THEREON, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE BY ARTHUR SMADBECK AND SECONDED BY MARGARET E. SERPA, THE SELECTBOARD MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 4:15 PM.*

*DISCUSSION ENSUED THEREON, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE BY LESLIE BAYNES AND SECONDED BY PAUL PERTILE, THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 4:16 PM.*

Respectfully submitted;

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James Hagerty, Town Administrator

*Teresa Kruszewski, Recorder*