

TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
FY24 Joint Meetings of Financial Advisory Committee and the Selectboard
Wednesday, January 25, 2023 – 3:00 PM
ZOOM MEETING

IN ATTENDANCE:

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FINCOM)

Donna Lowell-Bettencourt – Chair, Leslie Baynes – Vice-Chair (VC), Robert Coad, Nedine Cunningham, Kelly McCracken, Paul Pertile, Julia Tarka

SELECTBOARD (SB)

Margaret E. Serpa – Chair, Arthur Smadbeck

OTHERS:

James Hagerty – Town Administrator (TA), William Chapman – Water Department/Superintendent, Matt Poole – Health Agent, Don Hatch – Martha's Vineyard Refuse District (MVRD) Manager, Juliet Mulinare – Beautification Committee Member, Jessica McGroarty – Parks Administrator

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

Arthur Smadbeck called the SB meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

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

LESLIE BAYNES MOVED TO CONCUR KELLY MCCRACKEN AS THE APPOINTEE FOR THE OPEN POSITION ON THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JULIA TARKA.

THE COMMITTEE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MR. BAYNES—AYE, MS. LOWELL-BETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. COAD—AYE, MS. CUNNINGHAM—AYE, MR. PERTILE—AYE & MS. TARKA—AYE.

Documents on file as referred to during the meeting: FY24 Edgartown Budget Book 20230113.pdf

Warrant Articles pgs. 8 - 9; Warrant Article Rankings pg 7.

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

Chair Lowell-Bettencourt reviewed the list of priorities and the rankings of importance for the Town, as determined by the Capital Programs Committee, as each department presented their Warrant Articles.

WATER DEPARTMENT:

William Chapman said as is standard practice, this proposed operating budget and articles were reviewed and approved by the Board of Water Commissioners. The salary and wages were formatted by step increases with present employees. The operating budget increases were for fuel, electricity and other utilities.

4 Warrant Articles:

1. \$90,000 water system improvements and anticipated mechanical failures
2. \$40,000 well development/source development
3. \$50,000 surplus funds for well inspection, maintenance and cleaning
4. \$50,000 replacement of aged water meters

BOARD OF HEALTH / MVRD:

Matt Poole said the significant change to the budget was a result of restructuring the department; it was now a three person department. The salary structure reflected the three positions that were at a lower/entry level step.

The training and tuition line increase of 156% represented the needs for the new employees as well as maintaining credentials for all. Some of this training would be in person, sponsored by the State which would include overnight accommodations and mileage reimbursements. TA Hagerty said that Mr. Poole would be retiring in May and underscored the value of training and memberships. Members discussed the staffing needs during this transition; Mr. Poole said to make the position attractive it should be a benefited position.

Mr. Poole said another significant change was in the utilities and telephone line which had an increase of 140%. This reflected adding two phones to the Town's plan for this department as there had never been BOH issued phones; he wanted to eliminate the need for use of personal phones on the job.

Don Hatch said they worked really hard to offset the increases with their general funds to keep a low rate to the towns.

BEAUTIFICATION / CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE:

Juliet Mulinare said the 3% increase reflected feedback from their vendors and should be planned on each year, indefinitely.

CEMETERY / PARKS DEPARTMENT:

Jessica McGroarty said the salary increase represented her step increase; the 2.5% increase for the vehicle maintenance line [cemetery] was for grass mowers powered by gasoline. Ms. McGroarty said the Lawn Care contracts had expired for Cannonball Park and needed to go out for bid; the 180% increase represented the change. One response had been received to date, for the request for proposal (RFP); TA Hagerty recommended getting a second bid before moving forward.

4 Warrant Articles:

- 1. \$70,000 South Beach portable toilets
- 2. \$40,000 to purchase and equip a heavy duty pick up truck
- 3. \$500,000 renovation for Robinson Road Recreation Area
- 4. \$50,000 South Beach nourishment

Ms. McGroarty outlined the needs for Norton Point and the one time costs that would be incurred as the management responsibility transitioned from The Trustees of Reservations to the Town of Edgartown. Members discussed how/when sticker sales would be included in the budget and how those funds would be managed/allocated.

DREDGE:

Ms. Mulinare presented the following:

2 Warrant Articles:

- 1. \$160,000 to purchase 2 new skiffs
- 2. \$78,000 for engineering and permitting costs

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

Tabled.

★ The next meeting was scheduled on Thursday, January 26, 2023 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 3:56 PM.

DISCUSSION ENSUED THEREON, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE BY JULIA TARKA AND SECONDED BY NEDINE CUNNINGHAM, THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 3:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

James Hagerty, Town Administrator

Teresa Kruszewski, Recorder