

TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
FY24 Joint Meetings of Financial Advisory Committee and the Selectboard
Thursday, February 2, 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), Lisa Sherman – Director/Edgartown Library, Lyndsay Famariss – Council on Aging Administrator, Karen R. Medeiros – Town Clerk, Kimberly Andrade – Animal Control Officer, Rob Morrison – Shellfish Constable

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).

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.

LIBRARY:

Lisa Sherman said the custodial contract was revised this year and the budget reflected that. She explained the requirements for setting the book budget as it related to the overall budget and that the utilities were set outside of the operating budget on a separate Town utilities line.

COUNCIL ON AGING:

Lyndsay Famariss said the electric and heat were expected to continue to increase as well as the Comcast phone service. She increased the training and tuition line as staff found this valuable (it was missed during the pandemic). She recapped how many people they served (about 800) and said it continued to grow; the need for services had increased since the pandemic. Members asked if the roof replacement number was an estimate, it seemed very high; TA Hagerty said this was accurate.

1 Warrant Articles:

1. \$140,000 for roof replacement

TOWN CLERK:

Karen R. Medeiros said the office expense increased by \$300.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:

Kimberly Andrade explained the needs for the department, as there were many:

- a. Overtime increases.
- b. Tuition and training to keep up with State requirements, including the training for a new staff member.
- c. Office supplies.
- d. Uniforms for court appearances.
- e. New equipment as what was currently owned was dated or didn't work.
- f. Telephones - two phones, one for each assistant.
- g. Heating and electricity costs anticipated for the new kennels and office.

Arthur Smadbeck said this was a big priority and asked if it could get started sooner to speed up the process; TA Hagerty said the process would not allow anything sooner.

2 Warrant Articles:

1. \$65,000 for a new vehicle for the safety of animals and staff
2. \$720,000 for a new building including plumbing and sewage, built to State requirements

SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT:

Rob Morrison said the major change was in wages and salaries as there was much turnover; it was less money as the pay grades had changed.

Chair Lowell-Bettencourt asked why the first two articles were not part of the budget; TA Hagerty said it could be changed and included in the operating budget. VC Leslie Baynes said this was a great program - it was made accessible to senior citizens.

4 Warrant Articles:

1. \$44,000 Equipment and Materials
2. \$39,000 Membership in MV Shellfish Group (for seed)
3. \$60,000 New ¾ ton pick up truck
4. \$15,000 Remove invasive vegetation

★ The next meeting was scheduled on Tuesday, February 7, 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 3:35 PM.

DISCUSSION ENSUED THEREON, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE BY LESLIE BAYNES AND SECONDED BY JULIA TARKA, THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

James Hagerty, Town Administrator

Teresa Kruszewski, Recorder