

TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
FY24 Joint Meetings of Financial Advisory Committee and the Selectboard
Tuesday, February 7, 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), Martina Thornton – Manager Dukes County,
Sarah Kuh – Director of Vineyard Healthcare Access Program, Sue Diverio – Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard (HHMV) Executive Director, Leslie Clapp – Center For Living Executive Director, Cindy Trish – Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard Executive Director, Elizabeth Folcarelli – Martha's Vineyard Community Services (MVCC) Chief Executive Officer, Adam Turner – Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) Executive Director

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: 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.

COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY:

Martina Thornton introduced each organization as they reviewed their programming needs.

- Sarah Kuh explained they offered the same services but were providing them to an increased Island population; she was adding to the budget 10 hours for a Medicare counselor to keep up with demand.
 - Ms. Thornton said the Warrant Article of \$200,000 was for the building; \$66,000 was Edgartown's share. Arthur Smadbeck said that this was long overdue and supported the request.
- Sue Diverio described the services provided to the community; she reviewed her budget which included a 40 hour/week caseworker position, office supplies & equipment, and administration.
- Leslie Clapp said the demand for services had increased due to the 60 plus population that had grown significantly; the budget added 20 hours for the additional [needed] staffing. Ms. Clapp said tax prep was included, as they were looking for accounting/bookkeeping support so that she could focus on fundraising and overall operations.
- Cindy Trish said the slight increase in the budget was due to the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) no longer providing the annual contribution of \$10,000. Discussion ensued to consolidate resources for the [pilot] van programs, including working with the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA); Ms. Trish said that was already underway through the Transportation Coalition, working on solutions as the needs were diverse.
- Elizabeth Folcarelli said The Counseling, Outreach, and Referral for the Elderly (CORE) request was \$101,741 (flat funding request); the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Coalition coordinator position (20 hrs) request was \$48,590 (a slight decrease from FY23) - future years this would be funded with grants and/or private funding.

Ms. Thornton explained the Warrant Article of \$42,000 to fund County Revenue Replacement (aka budget shortfall).

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION:

Adam Turner said the budget was influenced by litigation; Mr. Turner reviewed the staffing changes and the funding to support each, including grants and fellowships. Members discussed the funding formula and the Edgartown contribution of 40%; how the MVC could facilitate working on zoning bylaws with a climate perspective that would/could have applicability to the six towns.

OTHER:

TA Hagerty reviewed administrative items:

1. The forms for Elected Officials needed to be returned to Town Clerk Karen R. Medeiros no later than the end of March, 2023.
2. The Fire Chief would return on Thursday, February 9, 2023; VC Leslie Baynes asked if his presentation could include the increased rates for [ambulance] services, as discussed on January 31, 2023. *(Please see document on file for details: Minutes FinCom & SB Edgartown Jan 31, 2023; FIRE /AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT; pg 1)*
3. All were in agreement to hold an additional meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 3:30; TA Hagerty would post the meeting.

★ The next meeting was scheduled on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 3:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

DISCUSSION ENSUED THEREON, THE SELECTBOARD MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 4:04 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 4:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

James Hagerty, Town Administrator

Teresa Kruszewski, Recorder