

TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
Financial Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – 4:00 PM
ZOOM MEETING

**Meeting attendance by remote participation only due to Covid 19. Details below*

IN ATTENDANCE:

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FINCOM)

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

OTHERS:

Karen R. Medeiros – Town Clerk, James Hagerty – Town Administrator (TA), Amy Tierney – Town Accountant, Pamela J. Amaral, CMMT – Town Treasurer, Alexander J. Schaeffer – Fire Chief (FC), Kimberly Andrade – Animal Control Officer, Rob Morrison – Shellfish Constable, Bruce R. McNamee – Chief of Police (COP)

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

- **Karen R. Medeiros called the FINCOM meeting to order at 4:00 PM; she asked for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee.**

LESLIE BAYNES MOVED TO NOMINATE DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT AS CHAIR AND PAUL PERTILE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROBERT COAD. THE COMMITTEE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MR. BAYNES—AYE, MS. LOWELL-BETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. COAD—AYE, MS. CUNNINGHAM—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MR. PERTILE—AYE & MS. TARKA—AYE.

1. LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS:

TA James Hagerty screen shared each document as Members discussed the transfer amounts with the department representatives in attendance. The votes were as follows:

a. Ambulance Salaries from Ambulance Expense

FC Alexander J. Schaeffer requested a transfer of \$29,912.20 to bolster up salaries (overtime); this was coming from the Fire Department expenses.

JULIA TARKA MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER. SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY PAUL PERTILE. THE COMMITTEE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

MR. BAYNES—AYE, MS. LOWELL-BETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. COAD—AYE, MS. CUNNINGHAM—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MR. PERTILE—AYE & MS. TARKA—AYE.

b. Ambulance Salaries from Fire Expense

FC Schaeffer requested a transfer of \$39,773.88 to cover the overall deficit; this was coming from Fire Department salaries.

LESLIE BAYNES MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER. SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY NEDINE CUNNINGHAM. THE COMMITTEE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

MR. BAYNES—AYE, MS. LOWELL-BETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. COAD—AYE, MS. CUNNINGHAM—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MR. PERTILE—AYE & MS. TARKA—AYE.

c. Tax Title from Health Insurance

Pamela J. Amaral requested a transfer of \$12,000.00 for the increase of foreclosures and land court fees.

KELLY MCCRACKEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER. SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JULIA TARKA. THE COMMITTEE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

MR. BAYNES—AYE, MS. LOWELL-BETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. COAD—AYE, MS. CUNNINGHAM—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MR. PERTILE—AYE & MS. TARKA—AYE.

d. Animal Control Expense from Health Insurance

Kimberly Andrade requested a transfer of \$3000.00 to cover the expenses for the balance of the year.

LESLIE BAYNES MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER. SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY PAUL PERTILE. THE COMMITTEE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MR. BAYNES—AYE, MS. LOWELL-BETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. COAD—AYE, MS. CUNNINGHAM—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MR. PERTILE—AYE & MS. TARKA—AYE.

e. Shellfish Expense from Shellfish Salaries

Rob Morrison requested a transfer of \$25,000.00. The challenge to fill positions created a surplus in salaries; this request was to maintain/update equipment.

LESLIE BAYNES MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER. SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY NEDINE CUNNINGHAM. THE COMMITTEE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MR. BAYNES—AYE, MS. LOWELL-BETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. COAD—AYE, MS. CUNNINGHAM—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MR. PERTILE—AYE & MS. TARKA—AYE.

f. Council on Aging Roof from Health Insurance

TA Hagerty requested \$582.00 and explained there were multiple change orders that increased the cost by this amount.

JULIA TARKA MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER. SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROBERT COAD. THE COMMITTEE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MR. BAYNES—AYE, MS. LOWELL-BETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. COAD—AYE, MS. CUNNINGHAM—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MR. PERTILE—AYE & MS. TARKA—AYE.

g. Police Expense from Police Salaries

COP Bruce R. McNamee requested \$95,000.00 for [significant] building repairs and upgrades; he explained there was a surplus in salaries due to the department being down one officer.

LESLIE BAYNES MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER. SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY KELLY MCCRACKEN. THE COMMITTEE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MR. BAYNES—AYE, MS. LOWELL-BETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. COAD—AYE, MS. CUNNINGHAM—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MR. PERTILE—AYE & MS. TARKA—AYE.

h. Katama Airfield Expense from Health Insurance

TA Hagerty requested \$9140.00 and explained this was for a snow fence, pins in the large hydraulic door and fire proof wall.

KELLY MCCRACKEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER. SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY NEDINE CUNNINGHAM. THE COMMITTEE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MR. BAYNES—AYE, MS. LOWELL-BETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. COAD—AYE, MS. CUNNINGHAM—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MR. PERTILE—AYE & MS. TARKA—AYE.

2. REVENUE ROUNDTABLE DATE AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

TA Hagerty suggested a review of Town departments where there was an opportunity to increase revenues including Building, Harbor, Ambulance and Select Board. Members were in full agreement and recommended the summer meetings of June and July; they wanted the departments to have enough time to prepare. TA Hagerty said he would contact the appropriate departments to schedule a time.

3. MINUTES:

LESLIE BAYNES MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED FOR JANUARY 24, 2023, JANUARY 25, 2023, JANUARY 26, 2023, JANUARY 31, 2023, FEBRUARY 1, 2023, FEBRUARY 2, 2023, FEBRUARY 7, 2023, FEBRUARY 8, 2023 AND FEBRUARY 9, 2023. SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY PAUL PERTILE. THE COMMITTEE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTIONS. MR. BAYNES—AYE, MS. LOWELL-BETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. COAD—AYE, MS. CUNNINGHAM—AYE, MR. PERTILE—AYE & MS. TARKA—AYE. MS. MCCRACKEN—ABSTAINED WHERE ABSENT.

Other business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting:

- ❖ It was important to discuss the Edgartown School and was suggested to review again once school was out.
- ❖ The impact on the Edgartown assessments for the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) budget based on the three towns that voted not to approve. Members asked for clarification of the process and next steps based on those outcomes. Chair Donna Lowell-Bettencourt said as of the October 1, 2022 census the Edgartown student population at the high schools was 180; she shared the census for all to review.
- ❖ A discussion to address topics specific to the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC); Chair Lowell-Bettencourt said this would be on the agenda for the June meeting, after the fee discussion.

- ★ The next FINCOM meeting was scheduled on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT:

DISCUSSION ENSUED THEREON, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE BY JULIA TARKA AND SECONDED BY NEDINE CUNNINGHAM, THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 4:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

James Hagerty, Town Administrator

Teresa Kruszewski, Recorder

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