

## Finance Advisory Committee

September 20, 2023

4:00 pm

A meeting of the Committee was held on the above date and time via the Zoom Application. Members present were: Leslie Baynes, Kelly McCracken, Paul Pertile, John O'Hara, Julia Tarka, Nedine Cunningham and Donna Lowell-Bettencourt.

Mr. Baynes opened the meeting, and requested that Mr. Hagerty share the ambulance billing comparison sheet on the Zoom Screen. Chief Schaeffer of the Edgartown Fire Department provided an overview of the Town's billing rates, comparing them to other Island towns, as well as Chatham and Brewster. Mr. Pertile inquired about Edgartown's comparatively low rates, to which Chief Schaeffer cited a historical commitment to offering taxpayers affordable rates, delving into the complexities of insurance deductibles and billing processes. He then explained some of the complexities of the insurance deductibles and billing paradigm. Mr. Hagerty then highlighted the Ambulance Billing and Collection Policy that was in draft form. Mr. O'Hara moved to raise the rates to the Tisbury Ambulance amounts, Mr. Pertile seconded. Unanimous. Mrs Lowell-Bettencourt then request that the Ambulance Billing and Collection Policy be added to the next (Finance Advisory Committee) FAC Agenda.

Mr. Hagerty then presented a FAC FY24 Reserve Fund Transfer (RFT) request in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Human Resource Expense. Mr. Hagerty explained that the funds were required for staffing in the HR Department and Conflict Resolution training for Department Heads. Mr. Hagerty explained that this was to satisfy some of the requests during a recent HR Audit. Mrs. Donna Lowell-Bettencourt moved to approve the transfer, Mr. O'Hara seconded. Unanimous

Mr. Hagerty then presented the draft of the Edgartown FY25 Budget and the schedule for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting. He emphasized key milestones, dates, and events, noting that the schedule was adjusted by one or two days compared to the previous year.

Mrs. Donna Lowell-Bettencourt moved to approve the 6/28/23 and 7/12/13 minutes, Mr. Pertile seconded. Unanimous

Mr. Hagerty then explained that the Police Department will begin their collective bargaining process in the near future and he requested a FAC rep to assist in the process. He also notified the FAC on the next Comprehensive Waster Water Management Planning meeting

At 4:31 PM Mrs. Tarka moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Donna Lowell-Bettencourt seconded. Unanimous

Documents: Ambulance Billing Spreadsheet, Reserve Fund Transfer Form, Budget Schedule/

Donna Lowell-Bettencourt,  
Leslie Baynes,  
Robert Coad  
Nedine Cunningham  
Paul Pertile  
Kelly McCracken  
Julia Tarka  
John O'Hara (Alternate)

Respectfully submitted,

James Hagerty  
Town Administrator

Documents:

- Rate spreadsheet
- RFT forms