

TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
FY25 Joint Meetings of Financial Advisory Committee and the Selectboard

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 – 4:00 PM

ZOOM MEETING
(ALL BUDGET MEETINGS HELD VIA ZOOM)

IN ATTENDANCE:

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FINCOM)

Leslie Baynes – Assistant Chair (AC), Robert Coad, Nedine Cunningham, John O’Hara, Paul Pertile, Julia Tarka

SELECTBOARD (SB)

Arthur Smadbeck – Chair, Michael Donorama, Margaret E. Serpa

OTHERS:

James Hagerty – Town Administrator (TA), Benjamin Hall

AC Leslie Baynes called the FINCOM meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Chair Arthur Smadbeck called the SB meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

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

*Documents on file as referred to during the meeting: Operating Budget, 2024 Special Town Meeting Warrant,
FY2025 Wastewater Article*

1. OPERATING BUDGET UPDATE:

a. Health Insurance

b. High School Assessment

TA James Hagerty reviewed the changes (listed above) and said the increases were a bit higher than expected. With these updates the Total Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025:

without COLA – 6.0% increase

with COLA – 7.7% increase.

*Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

2. SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES:

TA Hagerty screen shared and explained the document *2024 Special Town Meeting Warrant*; Members asked clarifying questions where appropriate.

*PAUL PERTILE MOVED TO VOTE THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTED. SAID MOTION WAS
SECONDED BY JULIA TARKA. THE COMMITTEE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS,
1 ABSTENTIONS.*

MR. BAYNES—AYE,

MR. COAD—AYE,

MR. O’HARA—AYE,

MR. PERTILE—AYE,

MS. TARKA—AYE,

ABSTAINING FROM THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB (ARTICLE 9)

3. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES UPDATE:

a. Wastewater Commission Articles

TA Hagerty explained the [existing] conditions and screen shared the materials from Wastewater to better explain the repair and replacement costs and scope of work; Members asked questions for clarification including how the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) would help guide the process.

*PAUL PERTILE MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE FULL REPLACEMENT AT \$4,876,000.00. SAID
MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JOHN O’HARA. THE COMMITTEE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF
THE MOTION: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MR. BAYNES—AYE, MR. COAD—AYE, MS.
CUNNINGHAM—AYE, MR. O’HARA—AYE, MR. PERTILE—AYE & MS. TARKA—AYE.*

OCEAN HEIGHTS:

PAUL PERTILE MOVED TO RECOMMEND WAITING A YEAR UNTIL THE COMPREHENSIVE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN WAS COMPLETED. SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROBERT COAD. THE COMMITTEE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: 5 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MR. BAYNES—AYE, MR. COAD—AYE, MS. CUNNINGHAM—AYE, MR. O’HARA—AYE & MR. PERTILE—AYE. MS. TARKA—NAY.

b. Conservation Commission “mini-park” lease

Benjamin Hall explained the history/partnership with the Town and how it was designed for tax benefits for his family, how the rent increases were set each year and the insurance implications to his family. Paul Pertile said the Town was currently a Tenant at Will and suggested formalizing the lease going forward. Chair Smadbeck suggested the Conservation Commission continue the conversation with the owners - more work was needed. John O’Hara said that all sides needed to understand the process we were going through, as there were limited resources; we wanted to do what was right for the Town.

JULIA TARKA MOVED TO RECOMMEND ACCEPTING THE ORIGINAL FIGURE AS PRESENTED BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION. SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROBERT COAD. THE COMMITTEE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: 5 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MR. BAYNES—AYE, MR. COAD—AYE, MS. CUNNINGHAM—AYE, MR. PERTILE—AYE & MS. TARKA—AYE. MR. O’HARA—NAY.

c. Zoning Bylaws / Petitions

TA Hagerty explained the process; Members agreed to follow his recommendations.

★ Everyone thanked Robert Coad for his service over the years; Mr. Coad would not seek re-election.

ADJOURNMENT:

DISCUSSION ENSUED THEREON, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MICHAEL DONORAMA AND SECONDED BY MARGARET E. SERPA, THE SELECTBOARD MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 4:41PM.

DISCUSSION ENSUED THEREON, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE BY JULIA TARKA AND SECONDED BY JOHN O’HARA, THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 4:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

James Hagerty, Town Administrator

Teresa Kruszewski, Recorder

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