

**FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FY19 BUDGET MEETING – JANUARY 17, 2018**

PRESENT: PAULO DEOLIVEIRA, CHAIR; LES BAYNES, JIM CARTER, DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT, ROBBIE COAD
MARGARET SERPA, ART SMADBECK, SELECTMEN; PAM DOLBY, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:00PM. TOWN DEPARTMENTS APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER TO DISCUSS THEIR PROPOSED FY19 BUDGETS AND ARTICLES.

DCRHA – NO ONE PRESENT
3.9% BUDGET INCREASE. NO ARTICLES.

MS. DOLBY CONDUCTED A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE DRAFT WARRANT BEFORE PROCEEDING TO A VOTE.

ARTICLES 4-10 WERE CALLED OUT AND A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND VOTED TO APPROVE ALL ARTICLES EXCEPT FOR **ARTICLE 8**, WHICH WAS PASSED ON FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

ARTICLE 8: TOTAL OF \$123,900 (\$24K FROM COMMUNITY PRESERVATION AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND AND \$99,900 FROM THE FY18 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGETED RESERVE) TO FUND THE PALS PROGRAM THROUGH THE RESOURCE INC. (TRI). QUESTION REGARDING WHAT THE PROGRAM OFFERS AND WHAT THE PARAMETERS ARE. ARTICLE WILL REMAIN ON THE WARRANT.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND VOTED TO APPROVE ARTICLE 8. MOTION CARRIED.

MVC – ADAM TURNER, CURTIS SCHROEDER

MR. SCHROEDER DISTRIBUTED BUDGET FIGURES FOR THE COMMISSION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. MR. TURNER STATED THAT THE MVC HAS BEEN WORKING WELL WITH A VARIETY OF EDGARTOWN DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES AND PLEDGED TO CONTINUE THAT WORK. MR. BAYNES THANKED MR. TURNER FOR HIS HIGH LEVEL OF COMMUNICATION AND HIS HARD WORK FOR THE TOWN. MS. DOLBY COMMENTED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CHANGES AND ALL OF THEM FOR THE BETTER.

MR. TURNER DESCRIBED A GRANT HE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100K, TO SUBSIDIZE ENGINEERING COSTS TO ISLAND TOWNS. HE SAID WORK THAT PREVIOUSLY HAD TO WAIT FOR THE AVAILABILITY OF DOT OR BOSTON ENGINEERS CAN NOW BE PERFORMED BY THE COMMISSION DIRECTLY. MR. TURNER ALSO DESCRIBED THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE MVC AND THE DREDGE COMMITTEE IN UPDATING THE DREDGE MASTER PLAN; THE ENDEAVOR HAS LASTED OVER A YEAR BUT IS IN ITS FINAL STAGES AND A NEW MASTER PLAN SHOULD BE READY WITHIN THE MONTH.
NO ARTICLES.

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL – JOHN STEVENS, PRINCIPAL

SALARY INCREASE IS DUE TO RECLASSIFICATION. BUDGET STAYS THE SAME.

1 ARTICLE: \$10,500 TO PROVIDE A/V COMMUNICATION AND REMOTE LOCKING CAPABILITY TO THE SCHOOL'S FRONT ENTRANCE DOORS.

THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR THIS ADDED LAYER OF PROTECTION AT THE SCHOOL AND SPECIFICALLY WHAT THIS MONEY WILL GO TOWARDS. MR. STEVENS SAID THE SCHOOL HAS HIRED A COMPANY TO CONDUCT AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING STUDY AND ALTHOUGH THE STUDY HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED, HE FEELS CERTAIN THE NEED FOR REMOTE CONTROL OF THE FRONT DOOR

WILL BE IN THE REPORT SO HE PREEMPTIVELY PUT THE ARTICLE ON THE WARRANT. MR. DEOLIVEIRA SAID HE WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE REPORT BEFORE ANY ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT COST ARE MADE. MS. DOLBY COMMENTED THAT STRONG CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SAFETY REPORT, THE SCHOOL BUILDING HOLDS HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN AND AT LEAST 100 STAFF. MR. STEVENS ADDED THAT THE SCHOOL OFFICER IS A BIG DETERRENT FOR ANY UNWANTED VISITORS. HE WILL PROVIDE A FOLLOW UP TO THE COMMITTEE ONCE THE STUDY HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE LUNCH PROGRAM – 43% OF STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH; AND THE GROWTH OF THE BREAKFAST PROGRAM, WHICH STARTED THIS YEAR WITH ONLY 5 STUDENTS AND IS NOW SERVING 35 KIDS EVERY MORNING.

MVRHS – SARAH DINGLEDY, PRINCIPAL; MARK FRIEDMAN, FINANCE MANAGER

MR. FRIEDMAN DISTRIBUTED A BUDGET SUMMARY TO THE COMMITTEE. THE INCREASES IN THE SCHOOL BUDGET THIS YEAR ARE ATTRIBUTED TO OPEB, SALARY INCREASES, THE ADDITION OF ONE STAFF MEMBER AND HEALTH INSURANCE; THERE IS ALSO A FOCUS ON IMPROVING THE FACILITIES (MOSTLY INSIDE THE BUILDING) TO KEEP THEM IN GOOD WORKING ORDER WHILE WAITING FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE STATE. MS. DINGLEDY SAID THEY WILL BE LOOKING TO COMBINE PREVIOUSLY EARMARKED FUNDS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS WITH THE OPERATIONAL BUDGET AND WILL ALSO BE EXPLORING THE BENEFITS OF STABILIZATION FUNDS TO GET MONEY BEFORE IT'S NEEDED, IN AN EFFORT TO PLAN AHEAD.

NO ARTICLES.

DUKES COUNTY – MARTINA THORNTON, CHRISTINE TODD, JULIETTE FAY, PADDY MOORE

7 ARTICLES: **(1)** \$114,795 TO SUPPORT VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROGRAM; **(2)** \$16,381.84 TO SUPPORT DUKES COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES; **(3)** \$15,980 TO SUPPORT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PREVENTION PROGRAMS; **(4)** \$186,938 TO SUPPORT MARTHA'S VINEYARD SENIOR SERVICES; **(5)** \$25,568 TO SUPPORT CORE; **(6)** \$15,181 TO SUPPORT FIRST STOP INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE (HEALTHY AGING TASK FORCE); **(7)** \$22,726.76 TO SUPPORT HEALTHY AGING MV.

THE GOALS OF THESE PROGRAMS ARE TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, WHETHER IT'S INTERVENTION FOR THE ELDERLY BEFORE INVOLVING A PCP OR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL, OR COMBATTING COMMUNITY-WIDE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS BY PROVIDING DROP IN CENTERS FOR HIV AND HEP C THAT ARE A RESULT OF INTRAVENOUS DRUG USE. THE AMOUNTS BEING ASKED FOR IN THE ARTICLES ARE EDGARTOWN'S SHARE OF ISLAND WIDE SERVICES, THE OTHER FIVE TOWNS ARE BEING ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE AS WELL. DISCUSSION OF HOW THESE PROGRAMS CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO LARGER EXISTING ENTITIES (IE. MVC) FOR MORE SUPPORT. MULTIPLE COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTED ON THE SUCCESS OF THESE PROGRAMS THUS FAR AND HOW MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED ALREADY, WITHOUT THE ADVANTAGE OF FISCAL SUPPORT FROM THE TOWNS. MR. MOHAIR (EDGARTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING) ATTESTED TO THE PROGRAMS' WORTH AND VALUE OVER THE PAST YEAR, AS THEY RELATE TO THE ELDERLY COMMUNITY IN EDGARTOWN. SO FAR, THESE PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED THROUGH VOLUNTEER WORK, STATE GRANTS AND OTHER GRANT OPPORTUNITIES (CORE BEGAN EIGHT YEARS AGO WITH A GRANT FROM THE HOSPITAL).

COUNCIL ON AGING – PAUL MOHAIR

SALARY INCREASE IS DUE TO RECLASSIFICATION. THE MINOR BUDGET INCREASE OF ABOUT \$2400 IS TO COMPENSATE FOR INCREASED UTILITY COSTS. IT WAS NOTED THAT MR. MOHAIR IS SCRUPULOUS WITH THE COA BUDGET; HE HAS NOT HAD AN ARTICLE REQUEST FOR TWO YEARS.

SELECTMEN- PAM DOLBY

THE SELECTMEN'S SALARY BUDGET WENT DOWN DUE TO THE CREATION OF THE PROCUREMENT OFFICE AS ITS OWN DEPARTMENT.

THE ARTICLES (EXCEPT 4-10, WHICH WERE ALREADY APPROVED) WERE CALLED OUT AND A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND VOTED TO APPROVE ALL ARTICLES EXCEPT FOR **ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 19, 48, 54 & 55**.

ARTICLE 19: \$35K TO CONSTRUCT SOUNDPROOFING AROUND THE NEW HVAC UNIT BEHIND TOWN HALL. MS. DOLBY INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THIS MIGHT GO ON THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT INSTEAD.

ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 48, 54 & 55: ARE NOT MONETARY ARTICLES SO THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT HAVE TO RECOMMEND.

MS. DOLBY WILL UPDATE THE WARRANT LIST WHERE NEEDED AND PROVIDE NEW FREE CASH AND REVENUE FIGURES. SHE WILL EMAIL THE REPORT TO THE FAC AND SELECTMEN.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:30PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
JULIET MULINARE, ASSISTANT