

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 – 4 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: PAULO DEOLIVEIRA, CHAIR; TOM DURAWA, CO-CHAIR; STEVE JORDAN, LES BAYNES, MORT FEAREY, JR., ROB COAD, JIM CARTER.

OTHERS PRESENT: BOB OGDEN, SHERIFF, JIM NEVILLE, PETER RUSKOWSKI, DEPUTIES; ADAM DARACK, IT DEPARTMENT; JESSICA MCGROARTY, PARK DEPT.; PETER SHEMETH, FIRE CHIEF; ART SMADBECK, SELECTMEN AND PAM DOLBY, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4 PM. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND VOTED TO APPROVE JULY MINUTES.

THE BOARD WELCOMED JULIET MULINARE AS THE NEW ASSISTANT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ADAM DARACK WAS BEFORE THE FAC FOR A \$14,794.00 TRANSFER FROM THE RESERVE FUND. IN JULY, THE SERVER CRASHED AND HAD TO BE REPLACED ASAP. ALSO, THE PHONE SYSTEM CONTRACT WITH TOSHIBA WAS EXPIRING, AS TOSHIBA IS CLOSING ITS PHONE DIVISION. A DECISION HAD TO BE MADE TO CONTINUE WITH TOSHIBA AND RELY ON GETTING PARTS HERE AND THERE OR TRANSFER TO A NEW SYSTEM THAT COULD EASILY LAST ANOTHER 10 YEARS. THE PHONE SYSTEM FROM TOSHIBA COST \$25,000. 10 YEARS AGO. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 25 TOWN LINES. ADAM WAS ASKED IF HE HAD ANY RESERVE FUNDS IN HIS BUDGET AND HE DOES NOT. PAM DOLBY POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE WASTEFUL IF EVERY DEPARTMENT BUDGETED EXTRA MONIES IN THE EVENT OF A FAILURE. RESERVE FUNDS CAN BE ALLOCATED AND THEN REIMBURSED AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING IN APRIL. INSURANCE AND WARRANTY COVERAGE ARE USUALLY NOT FOR REPLACEMENT VALUE. A MOTION WAS MADE, SE CONDED AND APPROVED TO TRANSFER THE \$14,794.00 TO THE IT EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR A NEW PHONE SYSTEM AND UPGRADES MADE TO THE SERVER.

SHERIFF ROBERT OGDEN AND TWO DEPUTIES WERE PRESENT TO DISCUSS THE FUNDING OF THE 2019 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER BY EACH TOWN. CURRENTLY, THE STATE ALLOCATES AN AMOUNT TO THE EMERGENCY SYSTEM BASED ON A 1965 AGREEMENT. APPARENTLY, THE STATE WILL NOT BUDGET THE 911 CALL CENTERS IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN 2019. SHERIFF WENT OVER THE HISTORY OF THE STATE'S FUNDING OF THE 911 CALL CENTER AND ITS LACK OF COMMITMENT TO FUND THE PROJECT. THE BUDGET SHORTFALL IS USUALLY COVERED EACH YEAR BY A DEFICIT SPENDING OPTION BY THE STATE THAT ALLOWS JAILS TO OVERDRAW. THIS WILL NO LONGER BE THE CASE IF CHANGES ARE MADE TO THE UPCOMING BUDGET. THEREFORE, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR EACH TOWN TO PAY A PERCENTAGE (EDGARTOWN – 37.5%) OF THE COMM CENTER'S EXPENSE AND SALARY BUDGET. THE SHARE WOULD BE \$236,000. FROM EDGARTOWN. DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE OVER WAYS THE ALLOCATED SHARES FOR EACH COULD BE MORE PROPORTIONATE BY USING ANOTHER FORMULA. ALSO, WHAT CUTS COULD BE MADE IN PERSONNEL AND EXPENSES. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 8 EMPLOYEEES WHEN THERE SHOULD BE 10, RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT OVERTIME.

PETER SHEMETH TALKED ABOUT THE FUNDS THEY PAY BARNSTABLE TO BE PART OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES RADIO CALLS FOR AMBULANCES, FIRE, POLICE, ETC. THEY ARE BILLED DIRECTLY BY BARNSTABLE EMERGENCY SERVICES.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE SHERIFF VISIT THE OTHER TOWNS AND COME BACK TO EDGARTOWN WITH THE FEEDBACK. THE ALL ISLAND SELECTMEN SHOULD ALSO ADDRESS THE ISSUES IN EACH OF THEIR BUDGETS. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE VOTERS MAY NOT APPROVE A LARGE EXPENSE LIKE THIS EVERY YEAR. THE SHERIFF SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO EXPLORE OTHER OPTIONS AND COME BACK TO THE FINCOM WITH WHATEVER INFORMATION HE CAN GATHER. PAM DOLBY AND ART SMADBECK NOTED THAT THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED IN DRAFT REALLY NEEDS TO BE DISSECTED AND COSTS CUT.

JESSICA MCGROARTY, PART DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT, PRESENTED AN INFORMATIONAL PACKET REGARDING RESURFACING THE TENNIS COURTS AT THE REC AREA. SHE WILL BE APPLYING FOR CPC FUNDING AS WELL AS PUTTING AN ARTICLE ON THE WARRANT. THE EXPECTED COSTS FOR RESURFACING THE FIVE COURTS WITH A SPECIAL CONCRETE MIXTURE WOULD BE \$875,000. THE OLD SURFACES ARE BADLY IN NEED OF REPAIR AND IT WOULD BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE TO DO THEM ALL AT THE SAME TIME. THE EXPECTED LIFE CYCLE OF THE SPECIAL MIX IS 20 YEARS. SHE ALSO STATED THAT SOME TIME SOON THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA WILL NEED TO BE ADA COMPLIANT. IT IS ALL SAND AT THIS TIME. SOME OLDER EQUIPMENT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED AS IT IS RUSTED AND DANGEROUS. ADA COMPLIANT EQUIPMENT IS BADLY NEEDED. EXPECTED COSTS FOR REPAIRS, REPLACEMENT AND COMPLIANCE COULD RUN \$300,000. DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ABOUT BEACH REPLENISHMENT AT SO. BEACH, POSSIBLE USE OF JETTIES AND OTHER LONG TERM PLANS.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:20 PM. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 18, 2017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
GAIL AVAKIAN