

FY17 Budget Meetings – January 12, 2016 3 pm

Present: James Carter; Robbie Coad; Steve Jordan; Margaret Serpa; Art Smadbeck; Pam Dolby, Town Administrator.

Called to order at 3 pm.

Library: Lisa Sherman present. Operating budget up 23%. The library is in transition and the amount is estimates, based on the date of opening and how much increased costs for operation will be accurate. Building is double the square footage of Carnegie Library. They will be adding one p/t circulation clerk and one p/t custodian if needed. Hours for existing staff have been increased rather than create new positions. The director met with school to see if they could help with plowing, when needed. It was suggested that the selectmen, school committee and library meet with the principal to discuss the additional plowing area.

Board of Health/MVRRD: Don Hatch, MVRRD; Tom Pierce, MVRRD; Matt Poole, Bd of Health present. Mr. Hatch updated the committee about the revote needed so that the district is able to borrow funds (up to \$2.5 million). The member towns all must approve the measure. Edgartown's share of the budget is 69%. The district is currently bundling all trash. Recycling payments for paper are so low, not worth sorting at this time. When prices rise, will separate again. Budget up \$15,339 to \$516,901. LDO contract is \$64,587., up by \$2,204. MVRRD will meet with selectmen to sign revote. If not unanimous, article will be postponed on town meeting floor.

Board of Health budget up slightly. Dump monitoring services up 15%; food inspection services level.

Dredge: Dudley Levick; Peter Vincent; Juliet Molinare present. Dudley reported that the dredging at Fuller St. will commence on Jan. 20, the end of the permit time. Sand dredged from Eel Pond is clean and replenishing the beach by pumping. Working well so far. Juliet will be taking over the permit process from Jane Varkonda. This will elevate extra work for Jane and have the information in one central place. Juliet will increase her hours by five. Barge will be moved to highway building area for storage and needed repairs, costing about \$40,000. When asked about the private dredge in Great Pond, Dudley was not sure what its status was at this time. It may be in storage as it is not in the pond. He has not received any reports from the private dredge organization.

Information Technology: Adam Darack present. Adam updated the committee on the projects ongoing: library, Chappaquiddick cell tower and police. Budget remains level.

Cemetery: Andy Kelly, commissioner and Jen Morgan present. Andy updated committee on projects to open new avenues. Currently, at Avenue 10, there is room for fifteen. Lots sold this year were at 18, last year about 40. Also, they are cleaning and landscaping the fence line along the Rec Area. This will be brush cut and do plantings and a fence which will offer more privacy during services. They have \$157,000. available in sale of lots for expenditures. He was asked about clearing the tree line along the Kidder subdivision. He has been approached by Mr. Kidder and they have verbally talked about plantings and a fence, but don't have a written plan yet.

Airfield: James Craig present. There was discussion on the replacement of an underground tank that is reaching the end of its cycle. He was not aware he had to provide the information for the warrant and missed the deadline. Pam will research to see if this project could be done under the CPC funds next

year. Mr. Craig will inquire if any reimbursement can be received from MA DOT. The hangar project is still in limbo. The CPC funds are still available as voted.

Two articles are present on warrant: \$4,000. For replacing old concrete steps and \$2,000. For new doors on restaurant to be ADA compatible.

Council on Aging: Paul Mohair; Kevin Ryan; Dianne Durawa; Nell Coogan and Julie Fey, MVCS present. Mr. Mohair updated committee on the COA's status this year. There have been building improvements and the program is running well. Budget is level

Article on ATM warrant: \$15,200. To support the Outreach Program (CORE) which is operated through MV Community Services. Contract with hospital is expiring and won't be renewed. CORE provides much needed mental and home based services for elders. This past year they served 348 elders in many areas of mental and physical health care; therapy and home visits.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Avakian, assistant