

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUDGET HEARINGS JANUARY 7, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: LES BAYNES, CHAIR; STEVE JORDAN, CO-CHAIR; JAMES CARTER, TOM DURAWA, MORT FEAREY, JR. MARGARET SERPA, ARTHUR SMADBECK, BOARD OF SELECTMEN; PAMELA DOLBY, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 3 PM.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT: KIMBERLY KANE, TOWN ACCOUNTANT, WAS PRESENT. DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ABOUT AN INCREASE IN SPECIAL SEVICES IN THE BUDGET. SHE EXPLAINED THAT COSTS HAVE INCREASED FOR FILING SCHEDULE A WITH THE STATE AND THAT THERE ARE NOW 2 ADDITIONAL AUDITS REQUIRED. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS ON THE ACCOUNTANT'S BUDGET.

TOWN CLERK: WANDA WILLIAMS, TOWN CLERK WAS PRESENT. INCREASES IN THE BUDGET WERE FROM AN INCREASE IN HOURS FOR THE ASSISTANT IN 2014; ELECTION COSTS WILL INCREASE AS WELL DUE TO EARLY VOTING STAFFING REQUIREMENTS. AS OF APRIL 17, 2015, MS. WILLIAMS WILL BE AN APPOINTED TOWN CLERK, RATHER THAN ELECTED. ALL LEGISLATIVES CHANGES ARE COMPLETE. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS ON THE CLERK'S BUDGET.

TREASURER: PAMELA AMARAL, TREASURER WAS PRESENT. HER BUDGET WAS INCREASED TO PROVIDE FOR NEW FILING CABINETS AND NEW OFFICE FURNITURE. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE TREASURER.

ASSESSORS: JOANN RESENDES, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND DONNA GOODALE CAVALLO, ASSESSOR WERE PRESENT. JOANN EXPLAINED THE INCREASES IN THE BUDGET DUE TO THE SHARED DEPARTMENTAL VEHICLE. BOARD OF ASSESSORS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR SHARE (75/25). GAS COSTS ARE THROUGH THE VTA PROGRAM AND ARE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED. OFFICE SUPPLY INCREASES ARE DUE TO THE USE OF COLOR INK JETS. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE ASSESSORS' OFFICE.

TOWN COLLECTOR: MELISSA KUEHNE, TOWN COLLECTOR WAS PRESENT. THERE WERE NO INCREASES IN THE COLLECTOR'S BUDGET, EXCEPT FOR STEP INCREASES AND COLA. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE COLLECTOR.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: LENNY JASON AND AKEYAH NUNES, ASSISTANT WERE PRESENT. OFFICE SUPPLIES LINE ITEM WAS INCREASED. AKEYAH IS IN THE PROCESS OF REFILING ALL BUILDING PERMITS IN A MORE ORDERLY SYSTEM. SHE IS ALSO HOPING TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING THE PERMITS ON DISKS. REVENUE FOR THE DEPARTMENT WAS PROJECTED AT \$280,000., AT PRESENT, \$362,000. HAS BEEN COLLECTED. AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING IN APRIL, THEY WILL PRESENT AN ARTICLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL SUM TO BE ADDED TO THE WIRING/PLUMBING/ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS SALARIES FOR FY15 FOR AN ANTICIPATED SHORTAGE NEXT JUNE. THE FY16 BUDGET SHOWS AN INCREASE OF \$25,000. FOR THOSE INSPECTORS. TOWN COUNSEL IS PRESENTLY REVIEWING THE PROCESS FOR THE BLDG INSPECTOR'S OFFICE TO RAISE FEES ON PERMITS. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE BUILDING INSPECTOR.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS COMMITTEE: JEAN G. HATHAWAY AND GAIL AVAKIAN WERE PRESENT FOR THE COMMITTEE. IT WAS AGREED THAT FURTHER DECORATIONS SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON NORTH

WATER STREET FOR NEXT YEAR. IT WAS AGREED TO INCREASE THE BUDGET BY \$5,000. FOR THAT AND OTHER SMALL CHANGES. THE NEW BUDGET FOR FY16 WILL BE \$33,700.00. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE DECORATIONS COMMITTEE.

FIRE/AMBULANCE: PETER SHEMETH, FIRE CHIEF AND ALEX SCHAEFFER, DEP. CHIEF WERE PRESENT. INCREASES IN THE BUDGET ARE DUE TO CHARGES FROM THE COMM. CENTER THROUGH BARNSTABLE AND BOAT REQUIREMENTS. THERE ARE TWO ARTICLES: THE F550 TRUCK WILL REPLACE A 1998 F250 PICKUP. THIS WILL ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO ATTACH A PLOW AND CARRY ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLIES TO FIRES. IT WILL ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO PULL THE BOAT TRAILER AS WELL FOR BEACH RESCUES, ETC. THE SECOND ARTICLE IS FOR \$15,000. FOR A JET SKI, ONE IS CURRENTLY ON LOAN AND CAN NOW BE PURCHASED. AGAIN, THIS INCREASES BEACH/WATER RESCUE EFFECTIVENESS. THE INCREASE IN SALARY IS DUE TO THE CHANGE FROM PART-TIME CHIEF TO FULL TIME CHIEF.

ALEX SCHAEFFER DISCUSSED THE CHANGES COMING IN THE AMBULANCE BUDGET. HE EXPLAINED THE 24/7 COVERAGE REQUIRED TO KEEP THEIR CERTIFICATION. ADDITIONAL TRAINING IS ALSO MANDATED FOR EMT'S/PARAMEDICS. ONE PARAMEDIC WILL BE ON MATERNITY AND THERE WILL BE O/T COVERAGE INCREASES. THEY ARE CURRENTLY REORGANIZING THE FILING SYSTEM AND BILLING SYSTEM FOR THE AMBULANCE. THERE ARE TABLETS IN ALL TRUCKS THAT PROVIDE GPS TURN BY TURN DIRECTIONS FOR BETTER RESPONSE TIMES. REVENUE PROJECTIONS WERE \$180,000., PRESENTLY \$200,219. WAS TURNED OVER TO TREASURER FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR. LAST YEAR THERE WERE 689 RUNS, ABOUT 20 OVER PREVIOUS YEAR. THEY ARE NOW REPORTING WEEKLY FOR MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENTS THROUGH THE COLLECTION SYSTEM. THIS ELIMINATES THE LOSS OF INCOME DUE TO DELAYED REPORTING. THE HOSPITAL NO LONGER SUPPLIES THE AMBULANCE WITH EQUIPMENT/SUPPLY USAGE. THEY MUST NOW PROVIDE THEIR OWN SUPPLIES. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE AMBULANCE.

CIVIL DEFENSE: PETER SHEMETH, FIRE CHIEF WAS PRESENT. HE MENTIONED THAT THEY HAVE PRE-PACKED MEALS AND WATER AVAILABLE AND STORED AT THE TOWN HIGHWAY BARN FOR EMERGENCY USE. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR CIVIL DEFENSE.

POLICE: TONY BETTENCOURT, CHIEF AND TRACY GIOCOMINI, ASSISTANT WERE PRESENT. TONY EXPLAINED THAT ANY INCREASES IN SALARY ARE DUE TO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS. HE IS PLANNING TO MAKE THE PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION FULL TIME, AS IT IS BADLY NEEDED FOR COVERAGE. ONE PATROLMAN RETIRED THIS YEAR AND A PAYOUT WAS REQUIRED FOR VACATION/SICK TIME. PRESENTLY TWO PEOPLE ARE IN THE POLICE ACADEMY, AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. THERE ARE SOME OFFICERS OUT FOR MATERNITY/INJURY AND FULL COMPLEMENT SHOULD BE BACK ON DUTY IN JUNE. HE WAS ASKED ABOUT THE TACTICAL TRAINING EQUIPMENT AND IF ANY OTHER TOWNS USE THE FACILITY. HE SAID IT IS WELL USED BY ISLAND TOWNS AND THIS HAS HELPED WITH MUTUAL AID NEEDED FOR LARGE EVENTS, IE, 4TH OF JULY PARADE, FIREWORKS, ETC. AS WELL AS EVENTS IN OTHER TOWNS.

THERE ARE FOUR ARTICLES: \$150,000. TO REPLACE THE ENTIRE HEATING/AC SYSTEM FINAL PHASE. THEY ARE EXPECTING TO PLACE AN ARTICLE TO REMODEL THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING IN FY17. ARTICLE 2 IS FOR \$9,465.00 FOR THE POLICE, FIRE, and EMS SHARE OF THE UPGRADE TO THE 911 COMM CENTER COMPUTERS. ARTICLE 3 REQUESTS \$98,000. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF 2 CRUISERS AND ARTICLE 4 IS FOR \$35,000. FOR COMPUTERS/SUPPLIES FOR THE MV DRUG TASK FORCE – EDGARTOWN OFFICERS. THEY ARE HOPING TO REDUCE THE COSTS WITH A GRANT, IF AWARDED. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE POLICE.

HARBORMASTER: SARA TIEMANN, ASSISTANT WAS PRESENT. REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR FY15 WERE \$620,000. TO DATE, \$615,000 HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO TREASURER. FY16 RESERVATIONS BEGIN IN FEBRUARY/MARCH AND THAT SUM IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY. THERE WERE 3 ARTICLES PRESENTED: \$30,000. FOR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT/MAINTENANCE OF THE MOORING/BUOY SYSTEM. ARTICLE 2 FOR \$30,000. FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR OF DOCKS, FLOATING WALKWAYS AND OTHER MARINE EQUIPMENT. ARTICLE 3 FOR \$14,500. FOR NEW PUMPOUT VESSEL OUTBOARDE AND DISPOSE OF EXISTING ENGINE. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE HARBORMASTER.

HIGHWAY: STUART FULLER, SUPERINTENDENT WAS PRESENT. STUART REPORTED THAT HE PLANS TO WORK ON CULVERTS IN THE HERRING CREEK AREA IN ANOTHER FISCAL YEAR. HE MENTIONED THAT THE LED STREET LIGHTS HAVE RESULTED IN SAVINGS TO THE TOWN (ABOUT 60%). HE HAS SUBMITTED A PETITION REQUESTING THAT MEETING HOUSE WAY BE PAVED AND HAVE A BIKE PATH ADDED AT THE SAME TIME. IT WILL BE AN OVERRIDE QUESTION ON THE BALLOT. ESTIMATED COSTS ARE ABOUT \$800,000. HE WAS ASKED ABOUT THE VACTOR MACHINE HE HAS BEEN REQUESTING IN THE PAST. HE EXPECTS THAT THE COST WILL BE PROHIBITIVE. HE DID MENTION THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO UTILIZE THE WASTEWATER'S VACTOR TRUCK, AS IT WOULD NOT BE POWERFUL ENOUGH. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:00 PM.