

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUDGET HEARINGS JANUARY 8, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: LES BAYNES, CHAIR; STEVE JORDAN, CO-CHAIR; MORT FEAREY, JR.; BARBARA SHRIBER; DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT; TOM DURAWA; JAMES CARTER. BOARD OF SELECTMEN MARGARET SERPA AND ART SMADBECK; PAMELA DOLBY, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:00 PM.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: LISA MORRISON, ASSISTANT WAS PRESENT. THE BUDGET WAS REVIEWED AND THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS FOR THE ASSISTANT.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: LISA MORRISON, ASSISTANT AND PETER VINCENT, COMMITTEE MEMBER WERE PRESENT. DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ABOUT THE ARTICLE FOR THE HALL PARK, KNOWN AS THE MINI-PARK ON MAIN STREET. THE COMMITTEE IS HOPING FOR CPC FUNDS AS WELL AS ESTABLISHED CONSERVATION FUNDS TO LOOK INTO PURCHASING THE LAND FOR TOWN USE. THERE ARE TWO ARTICLES: \$20,000. TO BE ADDED TO THE MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT AND \$20,000 TO BE ADDED TO THE LAND ACQUISITION ACCOUNT. THE BUDGET SHOWED NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASES AND THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

ANIMAL CONTROL: BARBARA PRADA, DOG OFFICER WAS PRESENT. THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN EXPENSE FUNDS, MAINLY DUE TO THE ASSISTANT DOG OFFICER'S REQUIRED TRAINING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES. THIS IS NOW COMPLETE. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE DOG OFFICER.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: GARRET CONOVER WAS PRESENT. HE OUTLINED THE COMMITTEE'S PLANS AND AS THEIR BUDGET SHOWED NO INCREASES FOR FY16, THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS. THE COMMITTEE WAS COMPLIMENTED ON HOW NICE THE PLANTINGS ALONG MAIN STREET LOOK DURING THE SUMMER AND FALL.

PLANNING BOARD: GEORGIANNA GREENOUGH, ASSISTANT WAS PRESENT. A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE BUDGET WAS DUE TO INCREASED OFFICE EXPENSES. SHE WAS ASKED IF THE PLANNING BOARD UTILIZES THE MV COMMISSION ON MANY PROJECTS. SHE EXPLAINED THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN A LOT OF USE OF THE MV COMMISSION AS THE CURRENT PROJECTS DONOT REQUIRE THEIR INPUT. THEY HAVE A NEW CHECKLIST SYSTEM. PLANNING BOARD DOES ANALYSIS FOR REFERALS AND ZONING BY-LAWS. SHE NOTED THAT THEY NEED NEW BY-LAW COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR PLANNING BOARD.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION: BRIQUE GARBER, ASSISTANT AND ED CISEK, COMMITTEE MEMBER WERE PRESENT. THEIR BUDGET WAS UP SLIGHTLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THEY WILL BE RESEARCHING THE EXPANSION OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT AND WILL NEED FUNDS FOR MAILINGS, ETC. THIS IS STILL IN THE EARLY STAGES, SO NOT MUCH INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AS YET. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE HISTORIC COMMISSION.

PERSONNEL: MARILYN WORTMAN, ASSISTANT AND JANET HATHWAY, BOARD MEMBER WERE PRESENT. THERE IS AN ARTICLE TO MAKE CHANGES TO SEVERAL STEPS AND GRADES; THERE IS AN ARTICLE FOR \$3,520. FOR ADVANCEMENT FOR LIBRARY STAFF; THERE IS AN ARTICLE FOR \$52.80 FOR COLA FOR LIBRARY PERSONNEL; THERE IS AN ARTICLE FOR COLA INCREASES (TO BE DETERMINED BY THE

DECEMBER REPORT, EXPECTED TO BE 1.5%) AND AN ARTICLE FOR \$20,000. TO DO A REVIEW OF THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR PERSONNEL.

PARKS/RECREATION: MARILYN WORTMAN, ASSISTANT AND GLEN SEARLE, COMMITTEE MEMBER WERE PRESENT. THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE SALARY BUDGET. THIS IS DUE TO LIFEGUARD COVERAGE IN THE SHOULDER SEASONS AS WELL AS HOLIDAYS, EXTRA SHIFTS TO COVER END OF SUMMER BEACH USE. THERE ARE TWO ARTICLES: \$35,000. FOR THE PORTABLE TOILETS AT SOUTH BEACH. SOME QUESTIONS WERE ASKED IF PORTABLE RESTROOMS ARE THE BEST USE OR SHOULD WE LOOK INTO OTHER AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES. MARILYN STATED THAT THEY ARE CLEANED TWICE A DAY AND RESTOCKED DAILY. THEY ARE USED HEAVILY AND SHE DIDN'T THINK TRAILERS WOULD BE CAPABLE TO HOLD THE SAME CAPACITY THAT THE PORTABLES TOLERATE. THE SECOND ARTICLE IS FOR \$17,000. TO PURCHASE OF TWO 4-TRACK VEHICLES TO REPLACE TWO 7 YEAR OLD MODELS. SHE IS HOPING THAT THEY CAN HAVE THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TAKE OVER THE REPAIR/CARE OF THE VEHICLES LIKE THEY DID IN THE PAST TO SAVE MAINTENANCE AND WEAR AND TEAR ON THE VEHICLES. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR PARKS/RECREATION.

WASTEWATER: PIA WEBSTER, ADM. ASSISTANT; DAVID THOMPSON, SUPERINTENDENT AND GLEN SEARLE, COMMISSION MEMBER WERE PRESENT. PIA HANDED OUT A DETAILED BOOK DESCRIBING THEIR REVENUE/EXPENSE STATUS FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS. ALL OLD OUTSTANDING DEBT HAS BEEN CLEARED AND THEY ARE CURRENTLY UP TO DATE ON PAYMENTS, (7.6% OVER LAST YEAR). THEY HAVE COMPLETED A MORE DETAILED FIXTURE/TIE INCOUNT AND PLAN TO KEEP THE CURRENT RATE INCREASES TO EVERY OTHER YEAR. ALL REVENUE COLLECTED BY WASTEWATER IS TURNED OVER TO THE TOWN. THE TOWN PAYS EMPLOYER SHARE FOR INSURANCES, WORKERS COMP AND DEBT, LIKE EVERY OTHER DEPARTMENT. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON CHARGES FOR SEPTIC HANDLERS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM, DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE PUMPOUTS. THE PIPED SYSTEM REQUIRES LESS MAINTENANCE. THERE ARE 5 ARTICLES SUBMITTED: ARTICLE 1 IS A PLAN/STUDY FOR THE PLANT TO DETERMINE CAPITAL ASSETS NEEDED AS THE PLANT NEARS 20 YEARS IN USE. THE SECOND ARTICLE IS FOR \$50,000. FOR COLLECTION/EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE; THE THIRD ARTICLE IS FOR A UTILITY TRUCK FOR \$48,000. IN ADDITION TO A 2005 PICKUP THE DEPARTMENT ALREADY HAS IN USE. THE FOURTH ARTICLE IS FOR \$100,000. FOR A VACUUM SEWER JETTER. THIS WILL COVER ROUTINE MAINTENANCE CURRENTLY CONTRACTED OUT AS WELL AS EMERGENCY BLOCKAGES, ETC. AND ARTICLE 5 IS FOR \$6,500. FOR AUDIT EXPENSES. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR WASTEWATER.

WATER: WILLIAM CHAPMAN, SUPERINTENDENT; JOHN LOVEWELL, COMMISSIONER WERE PRESENT. THE FAC AND SELECTMEN WELCOMED THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT AND ASKED ABOUT THE TRANSITION. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE IS LEARNING EVERY DAY. THE WATER REVENUE HAVE TO COVER THEIR EXPENSES AS THE TOWN DOES NOT PAY ANY SHARE FOR THEM. THEY HAVE A SURPLUS CASH FUND, SIMILAR TO FREE CASH, THAT REQUIRES A TOWN MEETING VOTE TO TRANSFER FUNDS. THERE IS AN ARTICLE FOR \$35,000. TO REPLACE A 2008 PICKUP. THERE IS AN ARTICLE TO TRANSFER \$60,000. FROM THE SURPLUS ACCOUNT TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S WATER MAIN, APPURTENANCES, WELLS, STANDPIPE , ETC. AS NEEDED. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR WATER.

SHELLFISH: PAUL BAGNALL, SHELLFISH WARDEN; RYAN SMITH, CHRISTIAN THORNTON, SHELLFISH COMMITTEE WERE PRESENT. PAUL GAVE AN OUTLINE OF THE 5 ARTICLES PRESENTED. 1) SHELLFISH MARK REMEDIATION \$9,697.00. FUNDS WILL BE MATCHED BY OAK BLUFFS TO IMPROVE SHORELINE RESILIENCY. 2) MEMBERSHIP IN THE MV SHELLFISH GROUP \$37,000. THEY HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE IN

THE CONTINUATION OF THE PROPAGATION OF SHELLFISH FOR THE TOWN. THOUSANDS OF SEED SHELLFISH HAVE BEEN RELEASED IN TOWN WATER FOR MORE ABUNDANT HARVESTS. 3) TO ALLOW THE SHELLFISH COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT GIFTS/GRANTS FOR PROPAGATION PROGRAMS. 4) FUND VARIOUS SHELLFISH PROGRAMS FOR FY16 FOR \$44,000.00. 5) ARTICLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL SHELLFISH CONSTABLE FOR \$35,181.36 (ADDITIONAL COSTS ARE \$22,509. FOR BENEFITS, EMPLOYEE COSTS, ETC.). PAUL URGED THAT THE ARTICLE BE ON THE WARRANT TO INCREASED COVERAGE AS THE SHELLFISH AREAS ARE EXPANDING (OYSTER FARMS). THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR SHELLFISH.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:15 PM.