

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUDGET HEARINGS JANUARY 13, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: LES BAYNES, CHAIR; STEVE JORDAN, CO-CHAIR; BARBARA SHRIBER; JAMES CARTER; MORT FEAREY, JR.

OTHERS PRESENT: MARGARET SERPA AND ART SMADBECK, BOARD OF SELECTMEN; PAMELA DOLBY, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:00 pm.

LIBRARY: JILL DUGAS HUGHES, LIBRARIAN; DEANNA LAIRD, TRUSTEE WERE PRESENT. JILL UPDATED THE BOARDS ON THE LIBRARY'S PROGRESS. MOVE-IN DATE IS EXPECTED NEXT FALL. THE OPERATING BUDGET WAS UP ABOUT 12%. THE PERSONNEL BOARD WILL BE SUBMITTING AN ARTICLE TO GRADE/STEP CHANGES TO MANY OF THE POSITIONS. THE LIBRARY WANTS TO INCREASE THE PERSONNEL AT THE LIBRARY, BUT MUST FIRST GO TO THE PERSONNEL BOARD AND WORK THROUGH THE PROCESS WITH THEM. THE SELECTMEN WILL BE USING THE BUDGET SUBMITTED, WITH THE EXPENSE AND PAYROLL REQUESTS OF \$617,660. ANY CHANGES WILL BE MADE THROUGH THE PERSONNEL BOARD. THERE WAS A QUESTION REGARDING BOOK EXPENSE AND IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT REGULATIONS REQUIRE THEM TO SPEND A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL BUDGET OR THE CLAMS STATUS WILL BE AFFECTED. THE LINE ITEM FOR SPECIAL SERVICES IS USED FOR THE CLAMS MEMBERSHIP AND INCLUDES HIGH SPEED INTERNET CHARGES. ADVERTISING LINE ITEM IS USED FOR PROMOTION OF PROGRAMS, UPDATES, ETC. IN THE NEWSPAPERS. THERE WERE NO OTHER QUESTIONS FOR LIBRARY.

HEALTH: MATT POOLE AND JANET HATHWAY, BOARD OF HEALTH; KATHIE CASE, BOARD MEMBER WERE PRESENT. MORE INFORMATION WAS REQUESTED ON THE ARTICLE FOR \$3,334.50 (EDGARTOWN SHARE) TO FUND AN ISLAND WIDE YOUTH COLLABORATIVE. THIS WILL BE A JOINT VENTURE WITH THE OTHER ISLAND TOWNS, COMMUNITY SERVICES, THE YMCA, ISLAND SCHOOLS, YOUTH TASK FORCE AND MV HOSPITAL FOR AT-RISK YOUTHS (SUBSTANCE ABUSE, SELF ABUSE). THIS WILL BE A START TO HELP FAMILY'S FIND AND USE AVILABLE SERVICES. HE EXPLAINED THEY WOULD USE A CONTRACT SIMILAR TO THE VISITING NURSES. HE WAS ASKED HOW THE BD. OF HEALTH LIKED WORKING WITH THE NEW VNA PROGRAM. HE THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE DOING A VERY GOOD JOB. THERE WERE NO OTHER QUESTIONS FOR HEALTH.

MV REFUSE DISTRICT: DON HATCH, SUPERINTENDENT AND TOM PIERCE, BOARD MEMBER WERE PRESENT FOR MVRRD. THE OPERATING BUDGET WAS DOWN. DON PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE \$2.5 MILLION ARTICLE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO RESTRUCTURE TRAFFIC FLOW AND DROP-OFF AT THE TRANSFER STATION. SEVERAL QUESTIONS WERE ASKED ABOUT HOW THIS WOULD AFFECT THE OPERATION. HE STATED IT WOULD GREATLY IMPROVE FLOW AND CONTROLS. THE ASSESSMENT WAS CERTIFIED AT \$500,093.13 (EDGARTOWN'S SHARE). THE STATE WILL SOON BE PRESENTING NEW RULES FOR SEPARATING FOOD, WASTE, ETC. THERE WERE NO OTHER QUESTIONS FOR MVRRD.

DREDGE: PETER VINCENT WAS PRESENT FOR DREDGE COMMITTEE. THE OPERATING BUDGET DID NOT INCREASE. HE WAS ASKED ABOUT OBTAINING OUTSIDE WORK TO HELP REIMBURSE THE TOWN. PETER STATED THAT SINCE IT IS SUCH A SHORT DREDGE SEASON, THE OPERATION DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO TAKING ON OTHER PROJECTS. THERE WERE NO OTHER QUESTIONS FOR DREDGE.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ADAM DARACK WAS PRESENT FOR THE IT BUDGET. HE WAS ASKED ABOUT THE SPECIAL SERVICES LINE ITEM. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE USES THIS FOR CLOUD, GOOGLE HOSTING, EMERGENCY TEXT NOTICES, ETC. HE UPDATED THE BOARDS ABOUT THE PLANS TO SCAN DOCUMENTS FOR ON-LINE USE, AS WELL AS SCANNING OLD DOCUMENTS TO DISK. HE IS IN CONTACT WITH COMPANIES THAT PERFORM THIS TYPE OF SERVICE AND WILL UPDATE AGAIN WHEN HE HAS MORE CONCRETE INFORMATION. HE IS CONCERNED THAT THE TOWN RECORDS NEED TO BE BETTER PROTECTED IN THE EVENT OF DISASTER. THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR IT.

COUNCIL ON AGING: PAUL MOHAIR, DIRECTOR; GLEN CARPENTER, MEMBER; LESLIE CLAPP, MV CENTER 4 LIVING; PADDY MOORE, HATF PROGRAM WERE PRESENT. THE OPERATING BUDGET WAS DOWN DUE TO A RETIREMENT. PAUL EXPLAINED THE ARTICLES PRESENTED: ARTICLE 1- \$7,500. FOR PURCHASE OF "MY SENIOR CENTER" COMPUTER SOFTWARE TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF ALL DATA FOR PARTICIPANTS IN COA PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS. THIS WILL GREATLY UPGRADE THE PRESENT SYSTEM. ARTICLE 2 - \$23,300 FOR INSTALLATION OF DUAL AIR CONDITIONING UNITS FOR KITCHEN, RECEPTION AREA, PROGRAM ROOMS AND 2 SECOND FLOOR OFFICES TO REPLACE WINDOW UNITS AND TO INSTALL A/C IN ROOMS NOT CURRENTLY SERVICED. THE CENTER FOR LIVING IS ACTIVELY SEEKING AN ALTERNATE LOCATION FOR THEIR SERVICES, ONE ACCESSIBLE ISLAND WIDE IN ONE LOCATION. THEY CURRENTLY USE A 60/40 FORMULA FOR EACH TOWN'S SHARE. THE MV CENTER BUDGET IS IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING AN ASSESSMENT THROUGH THE COUNTY. PAM IS WORKING WITH MARTINA TO FACILITATE THIS. THEY ARE MEETING WITH TOWN COUNSEL. TOWN CANNOT LEGALLY PAY A 501(C) CORPORATION. PADDY MOORE SPOKE ABOUT THE HATF (HEALTHY AGING TASK FORCE). THE ARE LOOKING FOR AN ISLAND WIDE SITE AND HOPE TO INCORPORATE INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SYSTEMS, AS WELL AS STAFF, TO ALL AGING ELDERS. ALL SIX TOWNS MUST VOTE FOR THE BUDGET. TOWN COUNSEL IS LOOKING AT WORDING THE ARTICLE IN THE EVENT ALL SIX DO NOT VOTE AFFIRMATIVE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BY 2030 ONE IN 3 ISLAND RESIDENTS WILL BE 65+. MANY ISSUES NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. HATF IS A STARTING POINT. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE BOARDS AS RECEIVED. THERE WERE NO OTHER QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL ON AGING.

AIRFIELD: UNABLE TO ATTEND THEIR MEETING.

CEMETERY: RESCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, 1/14/15.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:10 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
GAIL AVAKIAN, ASSISTANT