

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BUDGET HEARINGS JANUARY 14, 2015

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

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

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:00 PM. DUE TO A MIXUP ON THE CALENDAR, THE DC REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE MV COMMISSION, THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL/MVRHS/ACE WERE SET UP ON THE WRONG DAY. THE COMMISSION WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, 1/21 AT 3:20PM AND MVRRD WILL BE CALLED BACK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WEDNESDAY, 1/21 AT 3:00 PM. SINCE THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN IN TWICE, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE BOARDS DID NOT NEED TO QUESTION THEIR BUDGET AGAIN. THE DCRHA'S BUDGET DID NOT NEED REVIEW.

**CEMETERY:** LIZ VILLARD AND ANDY KELLEY, COMMISSIONERS AND JEN MORGAN, SUPERINTENDENT WERE PRESENT. THE LINE ITEM FOR GROUNDSKEEPING WAS QUESTIONED DUE TO INCREASE. MR. KELLEY EXPLAINED THAT THEY WILL NEED TO REMOVE DEAD TREES, SHRUBS. HE STATED THAT THE SEASONAL WORKERS DO ALL THE YARD WORK. THEY STAGGER THE 3 EMPLOYEES SO THAT THEY HAVE STAFF IN THE SHOULDER SEASONS. THEY DO THE WORK IN ALL 4 CEMETERIES. HIGHWAY DOES HELP WHEN POSSIBLE. THEY ALSO WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED IF ANY OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE REPLACING TRUCKS. THEIR TRUCK IS A 1996 MODEL AND IS IN NEED OF REPLACEMENT. ARTICLE REQUEST IS FOR \$5,000. FOR REPLACING MOWING EQUIPMENT. THEY WILL ALSO BE CLEARING THE BACK AREA OF NWS CEMETERY FOR A CONSERVATION EASEMENT. PAM MENTIONED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO CALL ON THE HIGHWAY FOR ADDITIONAL HELP, IF STUART IS ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THEM.

**SELECTMEN:** PAM DOLBY WAS PRESENT TO DISCUSS THE SELECTMEN'S BUDGET. SHE UPDATED THE BOARD ABOUT THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY PLANS WITH MV PRESERVATION TRUST. TOWN COUNSEL IS LOOKING AT WAYS TO WORD THE CONTRACT WITH THEM. THEY PREFER TO OWN THE BUILDING OUTRIGHT BEFORE THEY COMMIT THEIR MONIES TO IMPROVEMENTS. ONE IDEA IS TO SELL IT FOR A SMALL AMOUNT AND WORD THE DEED TO RETURN THE PROPERTY TO THE TOWN, IF THE MVPT DECIDES TO NO LONGER OPERATE IT. SHE EXPLAINED THAT THEY ARE STILL AWAITING SOLAR INFORMATON AND SHE HOPES TO CONTRIBUTE \$450,000. TO THE OPEB PROGRAM. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO AGAIN HAVE THE HIGHWAY TAKE ON CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT 4-TRACK MACHINES. THEY NEED MORE MAINTENANCE THAN THE PARK DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE. SHE WILL HAVE UPDATED FIGURES FOR THE 1/21/15 MEETING, CORRECTIONS TO THE BUDGETS AS WELL AS ARTICLES THAT WILL BE ON THE WARRANT. THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH FUNDS FOR ALL REQUESTS. SHE WILL EMAIL A LIST OF ARTICLES OUT NEXT WEEK.

THE FAC AND SELECTMEN WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21 AT 3 PM WITH THE MV COMMISSION AND MVRRD. THERE WILL BE DISCUSSION OF THE ARTICLES FOR FY16 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND THE FAC WILL THEN GIVE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:15 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
GAIL AVAKIAN, ASSISTANT

