

Financial Advisory Committee  
February 20, 2013 – 4 pm

Members Present: Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Chairman; Mort Fearey, Jr.; Barbara Shriber; Steve Jordan; Alex Rentumis; Bob Clay, alternate.

Others present: Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator; Stuart Fuller, Hwy Superintendent; Martina Thornton, DC administrator; TJ Hagerty, Intg. Pest Management.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm. A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the budget hearing minutes of January 16, 2013.

Martina Thornton and TJ Hagerty were present at the request of the fincom to discuss the integrated pest management arrangement with the town. Ms. Thornton explained the basics of the program as it is run through the county, with Island towns participating and paying a percentage fee to run the department. This next fiscal year will see the first year the program is on the 50/50 formula rather than the valuation system. Mr. Hagerty handed out two spreadsheets detailing the usage calls for Edgartown for the period Jan 1, 2012 through Feb. 20, 2013. Receipts totaled \$17,296.96 for that period of time. The other spreadsheet is a copy of the proposed FY14 budget with salary and expenses, totaling \$95,021.00. Mr. Hagerty projected an income for Edgartown from program users of about \$28,000. FY14.

Ms. Thornton was asked if Vineyard Haven and/or Oak Bluffs were planning on leaving the county program and what ramifications this will have on the budget and Edgartown's payment share. She noted that she has been in contact with each town and been to meetings with them and at present, there has been no notification that either town will leave the program. The budget would be adjusted for that deficit with no additional charge to Edgartown if that occurred. She also noted that any excess revenues collected in a fiscal year are turned back to the pest mgmt. account.

Mr. Hagerty explained that the users pay a fee, although some town and county departments are on a set rate. He noted that for the past 11 years, revenue projections have been higher than anticipated. Rates are \$55. per call, 10% discount for seniors. He exterminates rats, voles, mice, moles and ants. He does not do skunks. He was questioned about Mattakesett and the Winnetu, as they are large users. He explained that the resorts are charged and in turn, charge their individual unit owners. The town is not subsidizing either of those resorts.

Stuart Fuller, Highway superintendent, was called to the meeting to prepare an outline for a three-five year plan for paving needs. The town has 35 miles of paved roads. The cost of asphalt has been steadily increasing. It is now \$175,000 for just overlayment and to rebuild a road it is \$350,000 a mile. He was asked if he has a list of the most needed paving to be done and an approximate cost for that work. He explained that concrete was not an option for paving and there aren't too many alternative methods he could use. He indicated that he is more concerned with what is under some of the roads, namely, the basin system. He explained that the cleaning method of the "claw" does not thoroughly remove all the sand and smaller debris. This eventually will clog the basin and it will fail to drain. He reiterated the need for the town to have a vactor system, which can also be used by the wastewater dept. It was suggested that regional purchase of the machine would be a cost effective method. Stuart was not in favor due to the fact that usage and breakage would result in larger repairs with no one town taking responsibility. Another idea that was discussed was if the town purchased the vactor machine, it could be used by other towns, similar to the dredge program. He will come back in March to the committee with an outline of work projected.

Pamela Dolby presented the updated Annual Town Meeting warrant and the Special Town Meeting warrant. A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the special town meeting articles, with the exception of #7, #9, and #13 for discussion.

Article 7 - \$30,000. from free cash to be added to the amount of \$35,000. voted 4/10/12 for payroll conversion to the Munis system. She explained that the original bid was too low from the company for the

amount of work to be done and that delays in the start-up have added additional costs. It is expected that when the conversion is complete and ADP is no longer used by the town, the savings will be evident.

Article 9 - \$6,000. from free cash to be added to the \$85,000.00 appropriated at the ATM, article 24 April 10, 2012 to complete the construction of the emergency management center at the police station. Pam explained that the balance needed was for a shortage in funds to complete the project.

Article 13 - \$50,000.00 from the Community Preservation Unreserved fund to move the Nstar electrical box from the front lawn of the library to the rear, away from the street view. She noted that the residents had recently donated \$2.8 million dollars to remove the overhead lights and install period street lanterns. The box was placed in front of the library at that time because final plans for the use of the Warran House and expansion project of the library had not been finalized. The current library will be used by the MV Preservation Trust and plans are to remove the old addition on the back of the building. The box can then be located in that area and out of sight. Nstar will not allow any work to be done on this project as they own the equipment.

After discussion of the above articles questioned, a motion was made, seconded and voted to approve all cash articles on the Special Town meeting warrant for April 9, 2013. Unanimous.

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve: the change in wording to Article 53, the town's share of the Integrated Pest Management program; the amount of \$236,523.00 funds from the Commonwealth infrastructure improvements. Unanimous.

Pam informed the board that at the end of the meeting, if all articles were voted, the town would have about \$465,515 in free cash, an excess levy limit of \$398,052 and \$2.5 million in the stabilization fund.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm. The next meeting will be on March 20, 2013 at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Avakian, assistant  
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