## Tisbury Finance and Advisory Committee, 6:30PM, Wednesday, June 2, 2021 by Zoom Cloud Conference due to Covid-19 Restrictions

**Present:** Chair Nancy Gilfoy, Jynell Kristal, Mary Ellen Larsen,

Allan Rogers, Lesley Segal,

Others: Recorder – Marni Lipke,

**Town:** Select Board – Jeff Kristal, Town Treasurer – Jonathan Snyder,

\* TFC members late arrivals or early departures.

#### **Call Meeting to Order**

• The Tisbury Finance and Advisory Committee (FinCom) was called to order at 6:32PM.

- (<u>Recorder's note</u>: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

### **Review of 2021 Voter Guide** (See documents on file.)

The FinCom praised the Voter Guide for:

- the comprehensive introduction;
- clearly summarized reasons for dissenting votes;
- highlighting Town Departments with large increases, including the Personnel Board revitalization.
- Even though it was the one other debt exclusion ballot question besides the School, the discussion on Article #28 \$5,000,000 road repair bond (see 3/10/21 Minutes p.3-4) was sufficient because it was standard and necessary Town business.
- The FinCom agreed that Chair Nancy Gilfoy could speak to dissenting votes on Town Meeting floor and thanked her for her excellent work.

## Debrief of Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Budget Cycle

Tisbury Select Board (TSB) member Jeff Kristal thanked the FinCom for their hard and productive work during the difficult Covid-19 pandemic year.

- The TSB would set the 2022 Annual/Special Town Meeting (ATM/STM) date early and would not countenance changes.
- The FinCom decried the constant changes to the warrant and faulty communications within Town government for example, it would discuss and vote articles that were then withdrawn without notification—an Embarkation article on cardiac devices was withdrawn (due to alternate CARES Act funding) without informing the Chair of the Embarkation Committee.
- Constant Department budget changes, including the delayed classification/compensation figures was another difficulty. There was some concern about Departments having to start FY23 budgets less than halfway through FY22.

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- The FinCom was also interested in knowing the correct (and hopefully uniformly applied) protocol for article and Department budget submission.
- Clear, specific electronic file titles would be helpful.

#### **Committee Reports**

- <u>Community Preservation Committee</u> (CPC) Department Heads should take notice as the CPC application deadline was set for September 24, 2021.
- Nancy Gilfoy asked the FinCom to appoint a representative to the <u>Energy</u> Committee.
- After the election the FinCom would still have 2 vacancies (See below: Actions.)

#### Appreciation to Laura Rose and Kelley Metell

The FinCom expressed their appreciation and thanks to Laura Rose and Kelley Metell their service and commitment: for Laura's 6 years and Kelley's stepping in for 9 months.

- Further thanks went to Nancy Gilfoy for her excellent organizational work as Chair in a difficult year, and to all the dedicated FinCom members, and to Marni Lipke for her support.

#### **Future Meetings**

An early July meeting would be scheduled after the election.

#### <u>Adjournment</u>

• ALLAN ROGERS MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:00PM; LESLEY SEGAL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: ALLAN ROGERS—AYE, MARY ELLEN LARSEN—AYE, LESLEY SEGAL—AYE, JYNELL KRISTAL—AYE, NANCY GILFOY—AYE.

#### Appendix A: Meetings/Events

- TFC TBD 6:30PM, Wednesdays by Zoom
- STM/ATM-1:00PM, Saturday & Sunday, June 12 & 13, 2021- Tisbury School

#### **Appendix B: Actions**

- <u>All</u>: consider candidates/appointees to fill FinCom vacancies.
- <u>All</u>: consider a FinCom representative for Energy Committee.
- Nancy: check with Town Clerk on number of Voter Guides needed.

FY21 Reserve Fund spending tally – Balance: \$75,000 1/13/21 – Selectmen/TSBC Voter Education - \$25,000

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## **Appendix C: Documents on File:**

- Agenda (2 p.) 6/2/21
- Voter Guide Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting postponed to Saturday June 12 &13, 2021 (8 p.)

Nancy Gilfoy – Chair	Date	