

**Tisbury Finance and Advisory Committee,  
6:30PM, Wednesday, July 28, 2021  
by Zoom Cloud Conference due to Covid-19 Restrictions**

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**Present:** Chair Nancy Gilfoy, Jynell Kristal, Mary Ellen Larsen, Rachel Orr, Allan Rogers,

**Others:** Louise Clough, Recorder – Marni Lipke,

\* TFC members late arrivals or early departures.

**Call Meeting to Order**

- The Tisbury Finance and Advisory Committee (FinCom) was called to order at 6:33PM.

- (*Recorder's note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.*)

**Interview Louise Clough, Candidate for Finance and Advisory Committee Appointment** (See documents on file.)

- The FinCom members introduced themselves (see 7/7/21 Minutes p.1-2) and thanked Louise Clough for putting her name in the hat.
- Ms. Clough had been a long time summer visitor (her husband was an Islander) and had moved here permanently 2 years ago after retirement, taking a part-time job at the YMCA and joining the Island Chorus to get to know people and the community, also becoming active in the Dukes County Health Council which included larger community health issues such as homelessness, food insecurity, etc. Her resume showed an impressive career of upper management positions including experience in financial supervision. She attended and prepared for Town Meetings by reading the warrant and looked forward to learning further about Town government and finances on the FinCom—Mary Ellen Larsen had recruited her earlier in the year. She and Chair Nancy Gilfoy had met to discuss and answer any questions. The FinCom felt she would be a good addition to the team. She thanked the members and withdrew from the meeting.

**Committee Reports**

- Community Preservation Committee (CPC) set its Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) schedule (see below: Actions):
  - September 13 - project status reports (each CPC member was responsible for overseeing a project);
  - September 24 - eligibility applications deadline;
  - October 8 – final application deadline.
- Tisbury Select Board (TSB) The 50%-flat-fee/50%-call-volume Sheriff's Regional Communication formula was being formalized. Treasurer Jon Snyder was the Tisbury representative (see below: Actions).

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- The Dukes County Commission was soliciting regional project ideas and considering how to spend the \$3,500,000 Duke County share of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Covid-19 related grant (see below: Actions).
- Town Departments were also applying for a \$1,800,000 Comcast connectivity grant targeting unmet needs: low income populations, elders, hotspot boosters, Chromebooks, etc.—libraries and schools were pre-approved.
- Town Administrator Jay Grande was negotiating to hold the 2022 April Annual and Special Town Meetings (ATM/STM) at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) Performing Arts Center (PAC). Since multiple night meetings would be hard to accommodate, the FinCom suggested scheduling daytime/weekend meetings (see below: Actions).
- The FinCom was interested in starting the FY23 budget process early—for example, if any of the larger Town Departments had a jump on their budgets.
- Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Kirk Metell was coordinating with the Beach Road Concert producers. The contracts usually included reimbursement for Town expenses (police details, trash pickup, etc.). Another concert was planned for Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Mini-golf with parking in the Cronig's lot.
- The TSB ceded responsibility for the next Tisbury School Building Committee (TSBC) to the Tisbury School Committee (TSC). The TSC and TSB met to approve authorization to bid/hire a Construction Manager At Risk. An outside company had been hired to clear the 55 Williams St. lot for the temporary school, with sewer connections to the existing school and coordination with the DPW on power/electricity.
- The TSB extended all committee appointments 60 days to August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- There was disagreement on whether to merge the Climate Change Committee with the Energy Committee—to be resolved in a Planning Board/TSB meeting.

**Future Meetings** (See below: Actions.)

- The Town required a joint FinCom/TSB meeting to appoint Louise Clough.
- The FinCom commended Nancy Gilfoy for her work.

**Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair**

**Adjournment**

• JYNELL KRISTAL MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:04PM; ALLAN ROGERS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: RACHEL ORR—AYE, JYNELL KRISTAL—AYE, ALLAN ROGERS—AYE, MARY ELLEN LARSEN—AYE, NANCY GILFOY—AYE.

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**Appendix A: Meetings/Events**

- **TFC – TBD 6:30PM, Wednesdays – by Zoom**

**Appendix B: Actions**

- Nancy: contact County re: ARPA spending parameters/restrictions.
- All: contact Jeff Kristal with any ideas for ARPA spending.
- Nancy: advise calendar working group re: CPC timeline for Dept. applications
- Rachel: contact Planning Bd. agent Pat Harris re: email notifications.

FY22 Reserve Fund spending tally – Balance: \$100,000

**Appendix C: Documents on File:**

- Agenda 7/28/21
- Clough letter 6/29/21
- Louise Clough resume (2 p.)

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Nancy Gilfoy – Chair

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Date

Minutes approved 11/3/21