

Tisbury Finance and Advisory Committee
By Zoom Cloud Conference due to
Gov. Baker's Covid-19/Corona Virus Executive Order
6:30 pm, Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Present: Chair Nancy Gilfoy, Jynell Kristal, Mary Ellen Larsen,
Allan Rogers, India Rose, Laura Rose, Lesley Segal, Sarah York,
Others: Recorder Marni Lipke
Town: Select Board: Jeff Kristal, Treasurer – Jonathan Snyder,
* Late arrivals or early departures of FinCom members

Call to Order

- The Tisbury Finance and Advisory Committee (FinCom) was called to order at 6:31PM. *(Recorder's note: discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)*

Guidance Memo for Department Heads (See 9/9/20 Minutes p.2.)

There were no changes to the draft and this year's budget process and calendar was likely to be later than last year's.

- JYNELL KRISTAL MOVED TO APPROVE THE LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT HEADS: MARY ELLEN LARSEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: NANCY GILFOY—AYE, ALLAN ROGERS—AYE, SARAH YORK—AYE, LAURA ROSE—AYE, INDIA ROSE—AYE, JYNELL KRISTAL—AYE, MARY ELLEN LARSEN—AYE, LESLEY SEGAL—AYE.
- Treasurer Jon Snyder would send an outline of Town Finances before the next meeting (see below: Actions).

Appoint Representative to Police Union Contract Negotiation Team

- SARAH YORK MOVED TO APPOINT MARY ELLEN LARSEN AS THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE POLICE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS TEAM; LAURA ROSE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION: NANCY GILFOY—AYE, ALLAN ROGERS—AYE, SARAH YORK—AYE, LAURA ROSE—AYE, INDIA ROSE—AYE, JYNELL KRISTAL—AYE, MARY ELLEN LARSEN—ABSTAIN, LESLEY SEGAL—AYE.

Update on All Island Finance Committee Meeting Concerning Financial Aspects of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) Fields Project (See 9/9/20 Minutes p.2.)

Jynell Kristal and Nancy Gilfoy attended the meeting and reported some frustration with a lack of information from the MVRHS. The West Tisbury FinCom proposed the AIFC express their concerns on high maintenance costs to the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC), where the project was

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currently under review. The TFC considered such a letter to be premature since normally FinComs addressed projects after MVC approval. MVRHSC member Kris O'Brien contacted Mary Ellen Larsen to give financial information and explanations (see below: Actions).

Look at Members Availability for Joint Meeting with Tisbury School Building Committee (TSBC), Tisbury School Committee (TSC), Select Board and Finance and Advisory Committee (FinCom) – October 19, 20 and/or 21

Tuesday, October 20th was best, other times being less convenient.

Committee Report and Assignments (See below: Actions.)

- The Selectmen replaced the Wastewater Planning Committee with the Tisbury Water Committee to address: public policy, long range planning, wastewater management plans, ground and surface water preservation, storm water issues, contaminants wastewater systems, and Lagoon and Tashmoo Ponds. The Committee would include five members representing the: Select Board, FinCom, Sewer Advisory, and Board of Health (BOH), with others as needed.
- *SARAH YORK MOVED TO APPOINT NANCY GILFOY AS THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE; LESLEY SEGAL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION: NANCY GILFOY—ABSTAIN, ALLAN ROGERS—AYE, SARAH YORK—AYE, LAURA ROSE—AYE, INDIA ROSE—AYE, JYNELL KRISTAL—AYE, MARY ELLEN LARSEN—AYE, LESLEY SEGAL—AYE.*
- The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) received 14 applications valued at ~ \$2,000,000 for local funds of ~ \$1,600,000, with the State match not yet determined.
- The Preserving Affordability through Loan Support (PALS) program was disqualified as not meeting the affordability criteria. Other housing projects included Kuehne's Way, Island Autism Group, and Harbor Homes for Women.
- Regional cooperation requests included a new roof on the Oak Bluffs Tabernacle. Previous regional precedents noted were the Martha's Vineyard Museum and the Gay Head Lighthouse.
- Other Tisbury projects were: the Tisbury School playground, the Town tennis courts, and Church St. parking.
- There was a brief review of the CPC for new members. Revenues came from a 3% charge on all real estate taxes, which the State matched with funds from Registry of Deeds fees. These funds could be spent on three

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categories: open space, historical preservation, and community housing. Projects not completed in a reasonable amount of time (3 years unless extensions were granted) had to return funds to the CPC. As more municipalities joined the CPC program, State match percentage decreased.

Future Meetings (See below: Meetings/Events.)

Adjournment

• LAURA ROSE MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:08PM; JYNELL KRISTAL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: NANCY GILFOY—AYE, ALLAN ROGERS—AYE, SARAH YORK—AYE, LAURA ROSE—AYE, INDIA ROSE—AYE, JYNELL KRISTAL—AYE, MARY ELLEN LARSEN—AYE, LESLEY SEGAL—AYE.

Appendix A: Meetings/Events: by Zoom

• **TFC - 6:30PM, Wednesday, October 14, 2020**

• **TFC/TSBC/BOS/TSC/PTO – 5:30 Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

Appendix B: Actions

- Jon S. – include School Project funding in Town Finance presentation.
- All – contact Kris O'Brien with any questions on MVRHS Field finances vineyardkris@comcast.net
- Nancy – contact Harold Chapdelaine re: joint meeting Tues. 10/20/20
- All – send Nancy suggestions/recruits for Personnel Bd. representative.
- October Agenda –
 - Minutes: 7/1/20, 8/19/20, 9/9/20, 9/30/20
 - Introduction to Town Finances – *Treasurer Jon Snyder*
 - Personnel Bd. Appointment

[FY21 \\$100,000 - Reserve Fund spending tally](#)

Appendix C: Documents on File:

- Agenda 9/30/20
- Gilfoy/Tisbury Finance & Advisory Committee letter re: Appointments 10/1/20

Nancy Gilfoy – Chair

Date

Minutes approved 2/10/21