

Minutes

West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting – March 15, 2008 at Howes House

Present: Members S. Estrella, R. Knabel, A. DeVito, B. Athearn. Also present: B. Stone, Town Accountant, S. Manter, G. Hearn, Kristina West, Bea Phear, C. Hodgkinson, Chief Toomey, Deborah Mayhew, Howard Marlin.

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m. Mr. DeVito chaired the meeting and acted as secretary.

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to reviewing specific warrant articles. The articles reviewed and the committee's votes on the articles were as follows:

Article 25. Town Hall Renovation. Recommended 3 – 1. The amount sought has been reduced to \$4,970,000.

Article 7, One-third share of next revaluation. Recommended 4 – 0

Article 35, Purchase Police car. Recommended 4 – 0

Article 43. Pay prior year's bill. Recommended 4 – 0

Article 13. Buy chipper. Recommended 4 – 0

Article 14. North Road appropriation. Recommended 4 – 0

Article 15. Chapter 90 funds. Recommended 4 – 0

Article 49. Citizen's petition re high school. No action recommended 2 – 1

Bruce Stone requested that the committee approve the over-expenditure of the Snow and Ice budget for the current fiscal year as allowed by MGL Chapter 44 Section 31D. The committee voted 4 – 0 to approve the expenditure.

Mr. Hearn provided the committee with revised wording for article 26 (Mill Pond).

The Town Hall Renovation Committee will not need the \$12,000 taken from the Reserve Fund earlier this year. It was decided that the funds should be returned to the Reserve Fund and the Town Accountant was instructed to effect this.

There was brief discussion of Article 52 (withdrawal from UIRSD). Further discussion was postponed to the next meeting, which is March 18 at 4:30 at the Public Safety Building.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.