

Minutes
West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
November 10, 2009
Public Safety Building

Present: Sharon Estrella - chair, Al DeVito, Brian Athearn and Greg Orcutt.

Guests: Bruce Stone, Town Accountant; Skipper Manter, Dianne Powers and Richard Knabel, BoS; Jennifer Rand, Executive Secretary; Simone DeSorcy, David Douglas and Leah Smith, Planning Board.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Executive Session:

Sharon recused herself. Brian assumed chair. A motion was made to go into Executive Session. Brian, Al and Greg approved the motion. Guests left the room.

Subject of executive session was Planning Board request to transfer \$15,000 from the Reserve Fund for legal bills. Simone invited in; later joined by David Douglas and Leah Smith. Simone discussed the need for the reserve fund transfer.

Simone also discussed need to update Wireless Connectivity by-law.

Executive session ended at 5:07, at which time Sharon rejoined the meeting, as did the other guests.

Budget Discussion:

Jen announced that the budget process was underway. She asked if there was a directive concerning new hires and/or hours. Brian asked her if there were any anticipated new hires. The only possibility Jen was aware of would be someone to manage a schedule and implementation for maintenance of all the town buildings. After some discussion concerning what the duties of such a position would entail, Brian recommended the discussion be continued at a later time.

Bruce informed the committee that the deadline for submitting budgets is December 15. He will have budget books ready the following week. Department meetings could begin in January. Bruce added that the governor is suggesting further cuts in governmental land state aid which would result in a 3% decrease in revenue.

Minutes:

Minutes of the October 13 meeting were approved.

The next meeting is Tuesday, December 8 at the Public Safety Building.

There being no other business, a motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Rogers, Administrative Clerk