

Minutes
West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
September 21, 2010
Public Safety Building

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

Guests: Bruce Stone, Town Accountant; Skipper Manter, BoS.

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

Minutes

Minutes of the August 10 meeting were unanimously approved.

Meeting broadcast on MVTV

Jonathan Revere suggested that there would be merit in broadcasting meetings other than those during the budget season. This would allow the public to be aware of the whole process involved in the work of the FinCom. Jonathan offered to tape the meetings at no cost, providing he gets the approval of the Ethics Committee.

The general feeling of the members was that it would be helpful to have the voters see what goes into making a decision to recommend or not any given article/budget. Al recommended a discussion of what the FinCom does, along with a preview of what's coming up, at the next meeting.

It was finally decided, with approval of the Ethics Committee, to have Jonathan begin taping all meetings.

General discussion

Al would like to have a newsletter be sent to everyone's (those present) email lists.

Jonathan announced that the deadline for CPC projects was September 17. The CPC would be meeting on Wednesday, September 22. There are 7 projects for them to begin reviewing.

Jonathan noted that Habitat for Humanity has taken over the Bailey Park project. Also, that \$40,000 will go into the WT Affordable Housing Fund from the sale of the Look property (Crow Hollow).

Letters

Sharon presented a letter from JC Murphy addressed to Ann Bassett, chair of the By-Ways Committee, which was cc to the FinCom. Mr. Murphy is upset about action taken by the committee and has threatened legal action. This could result in legal fees from the general budget.

Dr. James Weiss, MV Schools Supt., sent a letter announcing an addition to the Shared Services Budget. This is a new staff position of a full-time physical therapist. Previously, a SPED physical therapist was employed on a contract basis which was costing more than it would to have a full-time person. Dr. Weiss expects a saving of at least \$20,000.

Future meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 4:30 at the Public Safety Building.

There being no other business, a motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Rogers, Administrative Clerk