

**Wellfleet Finance Committee**

**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**Tuesday February 15, 2022 @ 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Fred Magee; Chair, Kathy Granlund, Jeff Tash, Ira Wood, Jenn Rhodes, Linda Pellegrino, Jeff Behrens, Steven Polowczyk, Bob Wallace.

**Others Present:** Karen Plantier, Charlie Sumner; TA, Michael Hurley, Rich Pauley.

Chair Magee Called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

**Minutes:** January 18, 2022, Joint Meeting with the Select Board

**Motion:** Ira Wood To approve the joint meeting minutes from January 18, 2022

**Second:** Steven Polowczyk **Vote** 7/0 Accepted Joint Meeting Minutes

**Town Administrator – Town Finance Status -Charlie Sumner TA**

To maintain the same level of service which was received last year. Keeping the level of service, the same. Level Funded.

What kind of Ops budget information will help you from the FINCOM?

Charlie would like to see revenue balances and warranty article balances.

Areas where there is opportunity of scale may make recommendations by FINCOM.

Two weeks we will have a new Treasurer. Select Board has approved.

Town Accountant - to finish process by the end of next week.

By mid-March FY20, and FY21 will be books closed. Then the auditors will come in and do audit for FY21. DOR will not certify cash until books have to be closed (Auditors need to come in finish FY20 and FY21) before DOR will certify the cash.

**Department Operating Budgets – Review & Recommendations**

**Police:** Need staffing – Public safety is very important.

Reserved summer program is being phased out.

186K – to lessen impact of losing Police.

**Motion:** Steve Polowczyk To approve the Police Budget **Second:** Linda Pellegrino

**Vote:** 9/0 Approved Police Department Budget

**Fire:** Includes two new fire fighters/EMTs

- Asking for 800K to get another pumper trunk
- Need 5 on staff – currently have 4 on staff around the clock on the group
- Equipment needs to be maintained via service contract with 12-15% increases this year

**Motion:** Jeff Tash To approve the Fire Department Budget **Second:** Kathy Granlund

**Vote:** 9/0 Approved Fire Department Budget

**DPW:** Level funded – Wages / Contracts are increasing of 9K  
Operations Budget. It is up 4K  
50K for unforeseen emergencies line was added this year.  
Small equipment level funded. (The ability to do the same as FY22 into FY23)  
Snow removal- same as late two years.  
Transfer station contract services is up and wages, 5K land fill monitoring,  
Some Town revenue from solar panels.

**Motion:** Steven Polowczyk To approve DPW budget less the 50K for unforeseen expenses for DPW reserve fund  
**Second:** Ira Wood  
**Vote:** 9/0 Approved DPW budget less 50K for unforeseen expenses for DPW reserve fund.

#### **Water / Wastewater**

**Water:** Some revenues should be coming in from Briar Lane with new customers  
Looking at Outer Cape Health will probably hook up  
No new personnel.  
White Water has not decreased – They split the subcontractors costs out of the White Water line.  
Water usage revenues have gone up because of collection.

**Motion:** Bob Wallace To approve water budget less Pennichuck invoicing charge  
**Second** Ira Wood  
**Vote:** 9/0 Approved Budget without Pennichuck invoicing charge

**Wastewater:** There is no budget for Wastewater.

#### **Beach & Recreation:**

Level funded budget – Summer beach workers 6% increase in wages. (\$14.25)  
Cahoon Hollow budget costs – a lot of resources are needed here.  
Ask for more information on the Programs.  
Operating costs of the beach which are increasing and revenues decreasing  
Look for other revenue avenues – rental for weddings  
7% increase wages (want to see last year's budget vs this year's budget)

**To reserve recommendation until more details are provided**

**COA / Health and Conservation:** Nothing new – some increase for wages.

**To reserve recommendation until we get more detail**

#### **Library:**

Flat with exception of outreach program coordinator – not filled. 103K for materials – zero for books, however for online media and software. Mass State aid is coming – You must show you are spending 19.5% on operating budget which is on library materials to get the state aid.

**Motion:** Jeff Tash To recommend the Library Budget  
**Second:** Ira Wood  
**Vote:** 9/0 To approve Library Budget

**Schools:**

**Elementary School budget:** - Negative 0.34%

**Tech School Budget:** 1.99% increase

**Nauset School budget:** 5% increase

Negative 8.23% -Wellfleet share in lower enrollment and lower special needs kids from Wellfleet

**Motion:** Steven Polowczyk To approve all School budgets **Second** Jeff Tash **Vote:** 9/0 To approved School Budgets

**New Business**

**Jeff Behrens Report**

Propose to share a bio on each member of the FINCOM committee members. [Financial Background Bio] Jeff is willing to put it all together. Members may opt out.

**Next Meeting:**

Feb 23, 2022

**Correspondence**

none

**Motion:** Ira Wood To adjourned meeting at 9:07 **Second:** Kathy Granlund **Vote** 8/0 To Adjourn