



Finance Committee Meeting June 15, 2023

Members Present: Robert Panessiti, Chair, Richard Wood, Vice Chair, Raphael Richter, Kristen Roberts

Absent: Lori Meads, Clerk

Others Present: Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager; Alex Lessin, Finance Director; Paul Wisoski, Moderator; Trudi Brazil, Town Accountant

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am

A motion was made to approve outstanding minutes by Raphael Richter, a second by Kristen Roberts, motion carries 4-0-0.

The Chair made the committee aware of an Open Meeting Law compliant due to lack of minutes being approved and posted in a timely manner.

A Reserve Fund Request was presented in the amount of \$20,000, to the Town Manager Services line item in order to provide enhanced services for the Walsh Planning Committee. The Town Manager explained that some tasks were requested by the Select Board outside of the original scope and charge of the Committee.

A motion was made by Kristen Roberts, Seconded by Rich Wood.

Raphael Richter recused himself as a member of the Walsh Planning Committee.

Kristen Robert's asked Raphael Richter if he felt the funds were warranted, he believed they were.

Motion carried 3-0-1

Trudi Brazil noted that \$26,100 is remaining in the Reserve Fund. Monday, July 17th has been declared by the Commonwealth as the last date we can encumber funds for FY 2022.

An interdepartmental request for a transfer of funds was presented by Alex Lessin. Mr Lessin reminded the committee that such request per MGL must be approved by the Select Board and the FINCOM.

Due to a savings from vacancies in town staff a request of \$417,000 is being made to transfer funds from Salary, Group Health, and Supplies line items to Replacement Equipment the purpose of which is to purchase a new ambulance.

A motion was made by Raphael Richter and a second by Kristen Roberts.

Town Manager Tangeman explained that the order for the ambulance would be placed but the delivery would not take place for over a year. Ms. Roberts and the Chair asked if we might expect Lower Cape Ambulance to dissolve sooner than the two-year time frame. It was explained that the LCA Board voted to dissolve as of July 1, 2023, but after some discussion with Provincetown, agreed to continue operations for three years. They are however facing

staffing challenges and there is a very real possibility that they will dissolve sooner, and we need to be prepared for that eventuality.

Rich Wood stated that regardless of when LCA dissolves given the time it takes to take delivery of an ambulance, the community needs the ambulance, and we should move forward.

The Chair suggest the town develop a fiscal policy for vehicle and equipment replacement akin to that of the Police Department.

The Chair stated that both his and Member Woods terms expire on June 30th. The Chair would be reapplying, and Member Wood has elected to retire. The Committee thanked him for his service. Member Richter wanted to extend his thanks for Rich's participation and discussion over the years.

The Committee discussed the possibility of a meeting prior to July 17th.

A motion was made by Rich Wood to adjourn, seconded by Raphael Richter, motion carried 4-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Robert Panessiti, Chair

