

Town of Oak Bluffs Finance and Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 16th, 2023, 4:00pm
OB Town Hall Meeting Room/Zoom Conference

Present: Chair – Sherry Countryman, Richard Weiss, Bill Vrooman, Sean DeBettencourt, Reuben Fitzgerald, Maura McGroarty, Dion Alley, Mike Taus* (zoom), Mimi Davisson* (zoom)

Absent:

Others: Deborah Potter, Ryan Ruley, Mark Leonard

Recorder: Juliet Mulinare

4:01pm Ms. Countryman called the Oak Bluffs Finance and Advisory Committee meeting to order.

Announcements

The next meeting will be to discuss the budget policy, approve the minutes and review/vote on any lingering warrant articles.

Approval of Minutes

None available.

Budget Discussion

- BUILDING DEPT & IT

The Committee noted that everyone is going to have to cut back a little for this year's budget to work. There was no other discussion on the Building or IT budgets.

Warrant Article Review/Discussion

- SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES:

#5 - \$55k for Pilot Workforce Housing Program

This article was tabled at the previous meeting, Mark Leonard was present to answer questions. *Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend Article #5. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion:*

Mr. Leonard has provided answers to written questions from the Committee; these answers have clarified the intent of the article and the Pilot Program.

*Mr. Taus joins the meeting.

The Committee discussed the implications for future funding requests and asked Mr. Leonard how he intends to fund this program if it expands. Mr. Leonard responded that CPC can fund up to 100% and if higher thresholds are needed, the Housing Bank, should it pass at the State Level, could provide funds for up to 240% AMI. He continued that the STR revenue could also contribute funds.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Abstain, Alley – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Abstain, Countryman – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion carries (6-0-2).

▪ ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES:

#8 - \$1,070,520 for Various CPC Appropriations

Ms. Potter stated that an additional request has been submitted, and while it was submitted late, it is for the benefit of the Town. She suggested the Committee postpone their vote on the CPC appropriations until next week when she's had a chance to reorganize it. Ms. Countryman agreed and postponed a vote on Article #8 until the following meeting.

#9 - Fund 3rd Year of Police Cruiser Lease for Four Vehicles

The Committee voted to recommend this article at the previous meeting in the amount of \$75,534. The amount has been reduced so the vote needs to be reopened.

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to reopen discussion on Article 9 for the amended request. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote: Taus – Aye, Alley – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion passes unanimously **(8-0-0)**.

The new requested amount for Article 9 is a reduction to \$68,534.67.

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. Vrooman to recommend Article 9 at the new amount. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Alley – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Nay.

Motion carries **(7-1-0)**.

#11 - \$69,914 from Ambulance Reserve for Year 3 of Lease-Purchase to Re-Chassis and Recondition Two Ambulances

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend Article 11. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Alley – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion passes unanimously **(8-0-0)**.

#12 - \$50,000 from Ambulance Reserve for Replacement Gear

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend Article 12. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Alley – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion passes unanimously **(8-0-0)**.

#13 - \$30,000 from Wastewater Retained Earnings for SCADA Upgrade

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend Article 13. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

The SCADA system is the brain of the wastewater system, however it is old and problematic and could become susceptible to cyber risk if not properly maintained. This will be funded by the Wastewater Enterprise Fund.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Alley – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion passes unanimously **(8-0-0)**.

#14 - \$55,000 from Wastewater Retained Earnings for Lake Ave Pump Station Project
Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend Article 14. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:
Taus – Aye, Alley – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.
Motion passes unanimously **(8-0-0)**.

#15 - \$24,006.25 from Wastewater Retained Earnings for Cash Match for MVP Grant
The grant will fund costs to develop plans for form improvements to the Dukes County Ave Pump Station.
Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend Article 15. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:
Taus – Aye, Alley – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.
Motion passes unanimously **(8-0-0)**.

#16 - \$100,000 from Wastewater Retained Earnings for Equipment Repairs or Other Shortfalls
Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend Article 16. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:
Taus – Aye, Alley – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.
Motion passes unanimously **(8-0-0)**.

#17 – TBD, Placeholder for Harbormaster
Vote postponed.

#18 – Annual Reauthorization of Revolving Funds
Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend Article 18. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.
This article includes \$50k for Fire Inspections, \$80k for Building Inspections, and \$15k for Marina Repairs. These are revolving funds that get reimbursed by the fees for the inspections. The Committee discussed how these funds were established and what they fund.

*Ms. Davisson joins the meeting

No further discussion, roll call vote:
Taus – Aye, Alley – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye, Davisson - Abstain.
Motion carries **(8-0-1)**.

#19 & #20 – Classification and Compensation Schedule Adoption
Ms. Potter stated that they have not received the Compensation Study so these articles may have to be removed from the warrant.
The Committee took no action.

#21 – Fix Compensation for Full and Part Time Elected Officials
Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend Article 21. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.
This article would restore the stipends for elected officials such as the Board of Health, Board of Assessors and Cemetery Commission. Ms. Potter informed the Committee that the budget may

be too tight to reinstate the stipends and the Committee should consider postponing the vote on Article 21.

Mr. DeBettencourt withdrew his motion and made a motion to postpone discussion on Article 21.

Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

Ms. Davisson stated that Planning Board members should also get stipends. Ms. Potter responded that she has never seen that happen but will do some research.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Alley – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion passes unanimously **(9-0-0)**.

#22 - \$2,000,000 Borrowing Authorization for High School Feasibility Study

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend Article 22. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

Oak Bluffs' share of the \$2million would be \$440,000 +/- . The Town has already voted to accept the updated Regional Agreement, but the other five towns still need to do so. The Committee discussed what happens to this article if the Regional Agreement is not approved by the other towns – the study would not happen because the MSBA requires the updated agreement in order to proceed with the study. The Committee discussed whether the wording of the article limited the location of the High School to its current one, or whether a new location could be discussed.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Abstain, Alley – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Vrooman – Nay, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion carries **(7-1-1)**.

#23 – Ballot Questions

The Committee discussed whether or not to vote on the six ballot questions. They decided not to vote but to discuss each question. After some discussion, Ms. Countryman decided that the questions are too vague to go through at this time. Ms. McGroarty questioned why all the questions were grouped together. Ms. Potter responded that it had to do with the way they will be bonded. Ms. McGroarty commented that this does not allow voters to vote on separate bonds. Ms. Potter stated that this format was the way she recommended doing it.

#24 – Ban on the Sale of Miniature Single Use Containers for Alcoholic Beverages (“Nip Ban”)

The Committee discussed whether this article has a financial impact on the town.

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend Article 24. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

The Committee discussed the negative impacts of nip bottles including the pervasive litter around town, the environmental impacts such as the clogging of storm water basins, the cost to the town to pick up and dispose of them, and the impact to business owners, specifically restaurant owners, who routinely find nips flushed down toilets. Given the proximity of the liquor stores to the harbor, and the dangerous opportunity they provide for people to drink, drive and litter, the Committee was mostly in agreement that this article should be supported. Mr. DeBettencourt expressed that he is not in favor of limiting the free will of adults to purchase what they want. Ms. Potter responded that the town has already banned plastic water bottles and plastic bags.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Nay, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion carries **(8-1-0)**.

▪ TBD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES:

\$275,000 for FY24 COLA

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Abstain.

Motion carries (8-0-1).

\$300,000 to the Stabilization Fund

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Abstain.

Motion carries (8-0-1).

\$25,000 to the Capital Stabilization Fund

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Abstain.

Motion carries (8-0-1).

\$150,000 for OPEB

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Abstain.

Motion carries (8-0-1).

\$100,000 to Housing Trust for Southern Tier Project

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Abstain, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Abstain.

Motion carries (7-0-2).

\$150,000 to Fund Residential Placement for 2 Students

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

The Committee discussed the high cost of residential placement and whether there were any alternative solutions.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Nay, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion carries (8-1-0).

\$45,000 for Seaview Ave Bathroom Renovations

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Davisson – Abstain, Taus – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Abstain, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Abstain.
Motion carries **(6-0-3)**.

\$80,000 for Sailing Camp Window and Door Replacement

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Abstain.

Motion carries **(8-0-1)**.

\$30,000 for Sailing Camp Siding Replacement

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion passes unanimously **(9-0-0)**.

\$80,000 to Fund Little Bridge Dredging

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion passes unanimously **(9-0-0)**.

\$80,000 to Fund Engineering for Dredge Permit

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion passes unanimously **(9-0-0)**.

\$9,000 for Existing Conditions of Phase 1 of Sea Wall Repair and Rebuild

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Abstain.

Motion carries **(8-0-1)**.

\$75,000 for Police Station Feasibility Study

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

The Committee discussed the reasons for this study. The building is in disrepair but if the Town decides to sell, they will need to know the status of it. The study will also look at alternative locations for a Police Station. An RFP will be issued to hire the consultant.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion passes unanimously **(9-0-0)**.

\$100,000 to Fund Building Repairs to the Police Station

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

The original amount requested was \$625k; the building needs a lot more than \$100k in repairs but this will allow them to rectify the safety issues in the building.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion passes unanimously **(9-0-0)**.

\$40,000 to Purchase Two Zero Turn Mowers

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

The Committee discussed the cost of mowers. Ms. Potter stated that her goal is to put repair and replacement equipment costs in the regular budget as these are things that should be planned for.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Abstain.

Motion carries **(8-0-1)**.

\$75,000 to Fund Security Cameras and Fiber Network Upgrades at Various Locations

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

The locations the cameras will be installed at are the Harbor, the Library and the Council on Aging. Mr. Ruley suggested raising the mooring fees to cover the costs of providing internet service.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion passes unanimously **(9-0-0)**.

\$13,500 to Purchase Updated Audio/Visual Equipment for the Library

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

The Committee discussed the type of equipment that would be purchased.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Davisson – Aye, Taus – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Nay, Alley – Nay, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Abstain.

Motion carries **(6-2-1)**.

\$19,965 to Fund Lease of New Public Service Use Computers at the Library

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

The Committee discussed how old the current computers are and why these are being leased versus purchased. Ms. Potter stated that she doesn't like to purchase computers, she prefers to lease them because of how quickly the technology is advancing. These computers are for use by anyone who does not have access to a computer.

After further discussion, Mr. DeBettencourt rescinded his motion to recommend and instead made a motion to postpone the vote to recommend until more information is available.

Ms. Countryman stated it was not necessary to vote on postponing the article.

\$25,000 to Purchase ADA Beach Access Mats

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Nay, Vrooman – Nay, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion carries (7-2-0).

\$30,000 to Fund Recreation Building Repairs

This money will be used by the Parks Department to address safety concerns at the playground.

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Abstain, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Nay, Vrooman – Nay, McGroarty – Abstain.

Motion carries (7-2-0).

\$15,000 to Purchase and Install Office Space Panels

This is to improve privacy in the office.

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

The Committee discussed public areas versus the need for a private space.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Davisson – Aye, Taus – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Nay, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Abstain.

Motion carries (7-1-1).

\$49,000 to Fund Electrical Pedestal Replacements on the Harbor

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

This article is expected to be funded from either the Harbor Marina Revolving Funds or from Harbor Fuel Receipts.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Davisson – Aye, Taus – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Nay, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion carries (8-1-0).

\$45,000 to Fund a Parks Encroachment Study

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

This study will look at property lines that may have been encroached upon by private residents or businesses. The Committee discussed the legal implications and benefit to the Town of clarifying public versus private property.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion passes unanimously (9-0-0).

\$15,000 to Fund an IT Redundant Storage System

Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

The Committee discussed whether funding for this was included elsewhere.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Nay, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Abstain.
Motion carries **(7-1-1)**.

\$250,000 to Fund Improvements and Repairs to the Harbor East Chop Bulkhead
Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

Ms. Potter stated that this article will be funded with either Free Cash or as a Capital Override, depending on where Free Cash falls. The Committee discussed whether this work could be deferred to a future date; Ms. Potter said no, the work needs to be done now. The Committee discussed the scope of work for the project.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Aye, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion passes unanimously **(9-0-0)**.

\$200,000 to Purchase a Replacement Loader for the Highway Department
Motion placed on the floor by Mr. DeBettencourt to recommend this article. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion, discussion.

The Committee discussed the option to lease versus purchase. Ms. Potter responded that she does not like to lease unless it's computer equipment.

No further discussion, roll call vote:

Taus – Nay, Davisson – Aye, Fitzgerald – Nay, DeBettencourt – Nay, Weiss – Nay, Countryman – Nay, Alley – Nay, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Abstain.

Motion does not carry **(2-6-1)**.

Budget Recommendations

Ms. Potter advised that it would be premature to vote on budget line items at this time. She suggested the Committee postpone this until more information is available.

The Committee discussed some of the budget line items that could be cut. Among the items under consideration were the elected official stipends, the increases for the OBA Kiosk, the proposed new Deputy position for the Shellfish Department, the Christmas lights, the Recycling program, the Fireworks, Band Concerts, the Council on Aging and new salary increases. Mr. Alley suggested increasing the fees for using the Parks so that they cover the things the Town has been paying for (ie concerts). Ms. Potter responded that the Committee is welcome to send a memo to the Parks Commissioners to discuss this further.

Committee Updates

None.

Town Administrator/Accountant Comments

None.

Member Comments

None.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

At 8:05pm a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Taus and seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald. No further discussion, roll call vote:

Davisson – Aye, Taus – Aye, Fitzgerald – Aye, DeBettencourt – Aye, Weiss – Aye, Countryman – Aye, Alley – Aye, Vrooman – Aye, McGroarty – Aye.

Motion passes unanimously (9-0-0).

Meeting Documents on File

1. 20230411 ATM WIP1
2. 20230411 STM WIP1

*Respectfully Submitted
Juliet Mulinare, Recorder*

Minutes Approved: 3/9/2023