

Selectmen's Meeting
January 5, 2021

Minutes

This meeting was held via Zoom videoconference

Attending: Jim Newman (chairman), Julie Vanderhoop, Gary Haley, Chief Belain, Sarah Saltonstall, William Lake, Jerry Green, Jim Glavin, Richard Toole, Caren Columbo, Howard Goldstein, Isaac Taylor, Ben Robinson, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator)

Selectman Newman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Minutes Approved
(December 1, 2020 and December 8, 2020)

Martha's Vineyard Commission
(Accepted Revised Draft Energy Policy)

Ben Robinson from the MVC provided a comprehensive report on the draft revised 2008 Environmental & Building Policy that is hoped will be adopted by every town and subsequently by the MVC by the end of January. He requested a letter of support from the Aquinnah Select Board be sent to the MVC. The Board agreed to consider writing a letter in support but did not take a vote or instruct the Town Administrator to write the letter.

Finance Committee Appointment
(No Action Taken)

The discussion did not occur due to the fact that the appointment for the FinCom are made by the Moderator per town by-law.

Board of Health Discussion
(No Action Taken)

Jim inquired as to why the BoH is not interacting with other Boards of Health on the Vineyard. Jim Glavin, speaking for the Aquinnah Board, expressed his opinion that Karen Columbo is doing an excellent job and keeping the local Board apprised of all that is necessary. Glavin told the Select Board that his Board is working on getting an antibody test that, if successful, will be the only one of its kind on the Vineyard. He also indicated that results of that test would be instantly available. Gary commented "that would be really something."

Juli asked the status of the Town's audit and Town Administrator reported that the audit is on schedule and that the checkbook audit for 2016 is finished (2017, 2018 and 2019 are also progressing as scheduled). Julie asked if the FinCom had weighed in on the FY '22 budget. There is no word from the Fincom related to that matter.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.