

Meeting of the
Aquinnah Select Board
April 23, 2021

Minutes

This meeting was held via Zoom videoconference

Attending: Jim Newman, Julianne Vanderhoop, Gary Haley, David Murphy, Paul manning, Randhi Belain, Barbara Bassett, Liz Volchuck (Island Housing Trust), Derrill, Bazzy, Jay Smalley, Howard Goldstein,

Selectman Newman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes Deferred
(March 2, & April 9, 2021 minutes deferred)

Police Contract
(Agreed to meet again on Friday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m.)

Jim Newman after hearing a request from Paul Manning stated that he was in favor of meeting with the patrolmen instead of having Jack Collins act as an intermediary. He further indicated that he supported the contract as previously approved. Julie stated that Jack's knowledge would be helpful to the Board as it decides on how to move forward. Jim restated that he thought meeting "face-to-face" was only "fair." After discussion who was available when it was decided to meet on Friday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m.

Affordable Housing Rental
(Board voted to approve the RFS award to IHT)

Barbara Bassett questioned the Board as to why the RFS was in the paper before there was a town vote to use the property for affordable housing. She also thought it unfair to "lump the uses behind Town Hall together." She thought that the food forest and the playground should be separate from affordable housing. She also questioned whether it is appropriate to locate affordable housing on the town center stating locating housing on the Town Campus is not reasonable. Julie stated that she thought differently and that this plan is a model that could be used by other towns. Barbara stated she had discussed the matter with Town Counsel who had advised her that the use may not be proper. Jim asked her who was paying for her conversation with Town Counsel. Ultimately, Julie moved to approve the RFS award to Island Housing Trust, Gary seconded the motion and the Board vote was unanimous.

Police appointment
(Appointed Chris Manning Special Police Officer)

At the request of Chief Belain the Board voted to appoint Chris Manning a Special Police Officer effective Tuesday, April 20, 2021. The vote upon Julieanne Vanderhoop's motion was unanimous.

Conflict of Interest Waiver
(Voted to assent to waiver of conflict of interest related to 23 Oxcart Road)
The Board was advised of a need to waive conflict of interest related to an application for a building permit by the owners of 23 Oxcart Road. A letter from Michael Goldsmith of

Reynolds, Rappaport, Kaplan & Hackney, LLC, was presented advising the Board of a possible conflict. After Town Administrator explained the lack of any meaningful conflict the Board authorized Jim Newman to sign the letter.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m. .