

Meeting of the  
Aquinnah Select Board  
May 11, 2021

## **Minutes**

*This meeting was held via Zoom videoconference*

Attending: Jim Newman, Julianne Vanderhoop, Gary Haley, Len Jason, Wendy Swolinski, Berta Welch Randhi Belain, Hugh Taylor, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator).

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

Minutes Deferred  
(May 4, 2021)

Building Inspector  
(Select Board to leave decision to Building Inspector)

The Board had a long discussion with Len Jason, Building Inspector, regarding the zoning violations of topping of trees by Alan Slatas and his subsequent actions with the Planning Board Plan Review Committee. Len indicated that the fine per the by-law, after denial the PBPRC was \$6K/day. Mr. Slatas has written a letter offering \$7,500 as to settle the matter. He is willing to make the payment a donation to the Park & Recreation Department. Jim said that this guy (Slatas) is a persistent zoning violator. Julie indicated that she thought that the matter involved only 4 or 5 trees and that "we should get the matter over with now." Len said that the Steve Yaffe, tree warden, suggested that we continue the fine until there is a settlement of the matter. Gary asked when the appeal period for Slatas to go to the Board of Appeals is up. Len stated that the appeal had to be take before May 18. Much discussion followed with the final words of the Building Inspector, and agreement by the Select Board, that the matter would be left in the hands of the Building Inspector to work out a settlement, if possible, with Slatas.

Parking Rules/Beach Passes  
(No action taken leaving the matter for Town Administrator to implement as necessary)

Menemsha Leases  
(No action taken)

Town Administrator told Board that all of the leases have expired. Wendy asked if there had been any decision on who owned the shack on Lot 1. The Board told her that this was not the time to discuss matters that were under litigation. Hugh Taylor asked that the lots be enlarged to allow for improvements. Hugh indicated he would wait for communication from the Select Board.

Meeting was adjourned.