

Meeting of the  
Aquinnah Select Board  
June 15, 2021

## **Minutes**

*This meeting was held in person and via Zoom videoconference*

Attending: Jim Newman, Julianne Vanderhoop, Gary Haley, Noli Taylor, Bill Lake, Megan Gombos, Randhi Belain, Liz Witham, Howard Goldstein, Karen Salvatore Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator).

Selectman Newman called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Minutes Adopted  
(Minutes Deferred May 4, May 11, 2021)

Newman Report  
(Chairman Newman read a report critical of Town  
Administrator's Annual Report)

Jim Newman read from a written evaluation he had prepared wherein he criticized the Town Administrator's report in the Town Report. Specifically, he indicated his objections to statements that the Police Department budget was out of control and statements relating to the effect of sale of Red Gate Farm on tax levy to Land Bank and Sherriff's Meadow Foundation. Chairman Newman reminded the Town Administrator that he worked for the Select Board and that he shouldn't be expressing his individual thoughts on any matter.

Karen Salvatore Introduction  
(Board accepted Ms. Salvatore's report)

Karen Salvatore introduced herself to the Board as a member of the Town Projects Committee ("TPC"). She gave a rundown on her experience and described the status of the TPC including providing notice of selection of a Project Designer and Owner's Project Manager as required by State law for contracts the of the size under consideration.

Climate and Energy Committee Report  
(Accepted report)

Bill Lake made a report on activities of the Island-wide MVC sponsored Commission for Community Action. In his remarks which were lengthy and consisted of a graphic presentation Mr. Lake suggested that the Town, sometime in the future, consider zoning changes that incorporate climate resiliency guidelines. The Board requested that a copy the graphic presentation be sent to them by Mr. Lake.

Massachusetts Cultural Commission Grant  
(Instructed Town Administrator to Sign)

Board authorized Town Administrator to accept a grant from the Mass. Cultural Commission. Funds in the amount of \$7500 will be required to be spent before June 30, 2021. The Circle Committee has requested additional seating at the Picnic Area behind the shops at the Cliffs and painting in the area.

Vaccination of Town Employees  
(Board required vaccination of all town employees)

Jim Newman requested that the Board adopt a requirement that all town employees must be

vaccinated. Board asked if they had the authority to make such a requirement. Jim answered that he had received word from Atty. Collins that the Town did have such authority. Julie moved and Gary seconded a motion that "All Town employees must be vaccinated." The vote was unanimous.

#### Regulations for Filming in Aquinnah

(Board authorized Richard Skidmore and Liz Witham to develop regulations)

Town Administrator reported that he had recently received a number of requests to film on Town-owned land at the Cliffs and Lighthouse. He pointed out that the Town has no policies related to potential filming requests. Richard Skidmore informed the Board that he had a great deal of experience with filming and further that some budgets for films to be shown to a national audience have location budgets of \$250-\$300K and we should be charging accordingly. Liz Witham also told the Board that she has some interest. The Board authorized Richard and Liz to work together to come up with regs.

#### Assessor Resignation

(Accepted resignation of Howard Goldstein)

Howard Goldstein submitted his resignation as a member of the Board of Assessors stating that his commitments to M.V. Community Services were taking so much of his time. Jim Newman accepted the resignation on behalf of the Board, thanked Howard for his time and asked that the position be put on our website for interested parties.

#### Lighthouse Opening

(Deferred)

#### Appointment of Police Officer

(Appointed Gary Madieros as Special Officer)

At the recommendation of Chief Belain the Board appointed Gary Madieros to replace Rashawn Gross as a Special Officer. The appointment was unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.