Minutes Selectmen's Meeting December 3, 2019

Attending: Juliann Vanderhoop, Jim Newman, Gary Haley, Randhi, Chip, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator)

Chairman Vanderhoop called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Shellfish Grant Application (Approved extension of Sanfillipo Grant)

Jim Sanfillipo requested that the Select Board approve an extension of his grant at Menemsha Pond. He informed the Board that sea ducks had wiped out his most recent attempt at placing seed on the pond bottom. Mr. Sanfillipo also brought up concerns expressed to him from a riparian owner that because the grants on the west side of the pond directly abut each other there is no room for them to launch their watercraft. He suggested that the Select Board allow for 20' access points between any grants that will solve the problem. Select Board approved both his suggestion and renewal of his grant unanimously.

Updates on Aquinnah Circle Projects (Approved of both contracts)

Board heard updates on progress of both the picnic and lookout area projects. No particular action was taken, but the Board was pleased with the progress of both projects.

Shipway Invoice (Need to know # of participants and request a report)

Board discussed bill from Charlie Shipway for the summer sailing program. The Town Administrator expressed concern over the charges related to launching and removal of the boats that seemed excessive. Board requested that Mr. Shipway submit a report detailing the number of participants as well as more information related to the charges.

Potential Donation of Land (Requested Donor to provide more information)

The Board discussed an offer from Albert Shecktermann to donate to the Town his interest in a parcel of land near the end of Tar Barrel Hill Road. The Board raised many questions and requested that Mr. Shecktermann provide more information.

Letter from Needham Board of Selectmen (No action taken)

Board discussed letter from Needham Selectmen requesting that Aquinnah join with them in opposition to a bill being considered by the MA legislature that would change the requirement for a change in housing related zoning amendments to a simple majority vote. The Board seemed confused and did not understand the request. No action was taken.

Vision Government Solution

(No action taken)

Property Classification Hearing (Set Hearing for December 5, 2019)

Other Business:

Police Chief Contract (Action Deferred)

Special Town Meeting (Action Deferred Pending Approval of Free Cash)

Commercial Scallop Season (Opened Season on December 4, 2019)

Board opened the commercial scallop season in Menemsha Pond to commence on December 4, 2019. They further adopted the recommendation of the Shellfish Committee that daily limit be set at 2 struck bushels per person.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.