

Select Board Meeting
MEETING
December 16, 2019

MINUTES

Attendance: Juli Vanderhoop, Gary Haley, Jim Newman, Wendy Swolinsky, Chip Vanderhoop, Heidi Vanderhoop, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator)

At 4:05 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Julianne Vanderhoop

Review of minutes was deferred

Commercial Scallop License (Approved License for Jacob Vanderhoop)

Selectmen reviewed a long form license application submitted by Jacob Vanderhoop. There was discussion wherein the Selectmen agreed that a person filing a long form that is approved will only need filing of a short form license the following year provided there is no change in residency. Jacob's license was approved without objection.

MVC Appointment (Appointed Kathy Newman as Selectmen's representative)

Selectmen received a letter of interest from Kathy Newman to continue her service on the Martha's Vineyard Commission. Without objection the Board voted to appoint Ms. Newman to the Commission for the 2020 calendar year. Jim Newman abstained from the vote.

Library Assistant Position (No action taken)

The Town Administrator brought the issue of hiring of a new library employee by the Trustees as a benefited position. It was pointed out that having the position be benefited had long-term detrimental budgetary impact. Julie stated that despite the impact, the library needed community support. Jim stated the matter did not warrant discussion as the Trustees were only replacing an employee not making a new hire. The Board unanimously requested that the Trustees be invited to a future meeting to discuss the matter along with parking expansion at the library.

Library Parking (Voted to allow survey of westerly boundary)

Selectmen discussed options for expansion of parking at the library. By acclamation they authorized the Town Administrator to have a surveyor mark the westerly boundary of the town land to see if there is enough area available to consider using the space for parking.

Schedule of Town Meeting (No action taken)

Selectmen discussed setting a date for a Special Town meeting to consider articles including assessments for emergency communications system requested by the Sheriff and other fiscal matters. It was decided to delay setting a date until such time as there is an approved Free Cash figure from which monies can be appropriated.

**Wiring Inspector Resignation
(Voted to advertise the position)**

Selectmen accepted the resignation of Peter Dawley as wiring inspector. The Board commended Inspector Dawley for his many years of service to the Town. Gary Haley expressed interest in the position, stating that he is qualified. The Board voted to advertise the opening for two weeks and make a permanent appointment in early January.

**Abandoned Dinghies
(Instructed Harbormaster to Remove)**

Board directed Chip to remove all remaining, unused dinghies from beaches at West Basin, Head of the Pond and Herring Creek. They are to be stored in allocation approved by Jay Smalley where they will remain until redeemed by owners or April 15 whichever is later. Owners may redeem their dinghy by paying a \$200 fee that shall be paid to the Town Treasurer. Following April 15, the remaining dinghies will be sold.

**County Municipal Funding Agreement
(Signed Agreement)**

Select Board authorized signing of the Human Services Agreement as presented by Martina Thornton, County Manager. Selectmen reiterated their displeasure with the 5% service fee added to the operations cost budget. As the fee had already been approved at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, they approved the agreement. They will not accept the fee next year.

**Materials Presented by Treasurer
(Approved account transfers of Town Funds)
(Approved renewal of Short-Term Financing)**

**Review of Letter Submitted by Beth Green
(No action taken)**

Other Business:

**Appointment to Cape Light Compact
(Appointed Forrest Filler as Town Rep.)**

Mike Hebert, long time appointee to the CLC resigned. At the recommendation of Bill Lake and Noli Taylor Forrest Filler was appointed to fill the position.

**Lots Leased to Tribe @ Cliffs
(No action taken)**

Julie raised the issue of whether the Lease between the Town and Tribe for lots at the Cliffs may be voidable. Town Administrator stated that he didn't believe the lease could be voided. Julie again said she had a legal opinion that that option is available under the current circumstances. It was agreed that the language in the lease would be reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

