

Selectmen's Meeting
February 12, 2020

Minutes

Attending: Gary Haley, Juli Vanderhoop, Jim Newman, Simon Bollin, Randhi Belain, Paul Manning, Alexandra Taylor, Noli Taylor, Berta Welch, Jeff Madison (Town Administrator)

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

Minutes Deferred

Presidential Primary Warrant
(Approved 2020 Primary)

Parking Clerk Fee
(Approved increased Collection Fee)

Select Board was given notice by the Martha's Vineyard Parking Clerk of an increase in her fee for collection of fees on Parking tickets. The vote to accept the increased fee was unanimous.

Rental of Helen's Restaurant
(No action taken)

Town Administrator presented an email from Derrill Bazy proposing that the Town consider leasing out the former restaurant property at the Cliffs. There was discussion of the lack of running water/restrooms at the property. Town Administrator suggested a triple net lease as a means of maintaining the property without obligating the Town to costs related to repairs at the property. As a model he pointed to the Yellow House in Edgartown. Selectman Vanderhoop state that "Edgartown in different." Jim pointed out that the Outermost Inn had done a great job of extending the season this year. Select Board ultimately thought that suggestion to be premature. Select Board agreed to look for grants to make repairs.

Lot 85
(Deferred action)

Repairs at Library
(Approved expenses related to repair of the Library Entrance Door)

Green Communities
(Grant announcement)

Noli Taylor announced that Aquinnah had been designated as a Green Community and that the Town would qualify for initial grant funds of \$126,000. She agreed to return to the Board with a list of qualified projects recommended for funding.

Tri-Town Ambulance
(No discussion)

Division of Local Services
(Accepted DLS approval of Audit)

Board discussed and authorized the Town Administrator to proceed with Accountant and Treasurer to have a company audit the Town books.

Menemsha Shack Repair
(No action taken)

The Board heard from Berta Welch who requested a report on what was going on with the litigation between the Town and Wendy Swolinsky. She told the Board of the poor condition of the pilings supporting the shack and that despite being unable to use the structure she and her husband were paying rent and insurance to protect themselves and the public. Gary suggested that perhaps she should be given an abatement for any taxes paid on the structure.

Meeting was adjourned to an executive session to discuss police contract negotiations, not to return to open session.