

Selectmen's Meeting
July 22, 2020

Minutes

This meeting was held via Zoom videoconference

Attending: Jim Newman (chairman), Julie Vanderhoop, Gary Haley, Chief Belain, Sarah Saltonstall, Noli Taylor, Emily Day, Karen Columbo, Bill Lake, 508.560.3112., 774.563.9836, Sibel Suman

Selectman Newman called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes Approved
(January 21, 2020; May 20, 2020; June 1, 2020; June 25, 2020)

Year-End Transfer
(Approved as submitted by Emily)

Town Accountant, Emily Day described and submitted to the Board transfers in the amount of \$100,137.41 necessary to fund various departments as allowed by M.G.L. ch, 44, Sec. 33B through FY '20. FinCom had approved the requested transfers at their most recent meeting. Julie made a motion that the transfers be approved as submitted, Gary seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Appointments FY 2021
(Voted to Approve as Follows)

Animal Control Officer: Robin Robinson; Assessors: Howard Goldstein, Kayla Manning-Darcy, Harald Sheid; Board of Health Assistant: Karen Columbo; Building Inspector: Leonard Jason, Jr.; Board of Appeals: James Vercruysse, Peter Ives, Kathy Newman, **Open Slot**; Board of Registrars: Carolyn Feltz, Mallory Butler, June Manning, Marjorie Spitz; Cape Light Compact Representative: _____; Cable Advisory Board: Richard Skidmore; Cemetery Commission: Eleanor Hebert, Fulton Malonson, **Open Slot** (Gabbi Camilleri resignation); Community Preservation Committee: Derrill Bazy, Mary Elizabeth Pratt, Marshall Lee, Richard Skidmore, Beverly Wright, Kathy Newman, Bettina Washington, Beth Green; Public Works Director: Jay Smalley; Dukes County Advisory Board: Jim Newman; Dukes County Regional Housing Authority: Richard Skidmore; Electrical Inspector: Gary Haley; Assistant Electrical Inspector: David Schwab; Emergency Management Director: Gary Robinson; Finance Committee: Allen Rugg, Mark Foster, Tom Murphy; Fire Chief: Simon Bollin; Fire Department: Durwood Vanderhoop, Ken Coterill, Gordon Perry (Asst. Chief), Darren Leporte, Belinda Booker, Frank Perez, Russell, Long, Katy Smith, Dan Marshall, Ben Moreau; Gas Inspector: George Apostolides; Housing Committee: Michael Hebert, Mary Elizabeth Pratt, Sophia Welch, 2 open spots; Land Bank Advisory Board: Durwood Vanderhoop, Mary Elizabeth Pratt, James Newman; Lighthouse Advisory Board: Len Butler, Richard Skidmore, James Pickman, Thomas Murphy, Bettina Washington; Interim Library Director: Rosa Parker, Vera DelloRusso; M.V. Center for Living: June Manning; M.V. Cultural Council: Theresa Manning, Elizabeth Witham, Open spot; M.V. Transit Authority: June Manning; M.V. TV Advisory Board: Richard Skidmore; M.V. Resource Recovery District: Jim Glavin, Megan Ottens-Sargent; Personnel

Committee: Kathy Newman, Alexandra Taylor, June Manning, Paul Manning (employee rep.); Plumbing Inspector: George Apostolides; Shellfish Committee: William Vanderhoop, Jr., James Sanfillipo, Hollis Smith Ed Belain Shellfish Constable/Harbormaster: Brian Vanderhoop, William Vanderhoop, Jr. (Deputy), Hollis Smith (Deputy); Smoke/Oil Burner Inspector: Simon Bollin; Tax Collector: Wenonah Madison; Town Accountant: Emily Day; Town Administrator: Jeffrey Madison; Town Counsel: Ronald Rappaport, Esq.; Treasurer: Sibel Suman; Tri-Town Ambulance Committee: James Newman; Up-Island Council on Aging: June Manning, Jean Lince, **Open slot**;

Public Rest Rooms Report

(No action taken)

Town Administrator reported that the Public Restrooms at the Cliffs are now open. Full-time attendant has been hired and is on the job from 10am – 6pm. Two of the four porta-potties will be removed to save on costs. The porta-potties have been cleaned every day to prevent unsanitary conditions. The Selectmen requested that a close record of costs be kept so that State or Federal funds received for Covid related expenses might be tapped to provide some budgetary relief for the Town.

Green Communities Report

(No action taken)

Bill Lake gave an update on the Green Communities effort. The State has given notice of an initial award of \$126,000.00 to fund energy efficient projects at town buildings including the Aquinnah Cultural Center, the Town Hall, Fire Station and Town Offices. Upon review of the listed projects it was decided that \$5K that was initially slated to subsidize a new police cruiser should be used to hire a grant manager. Kathie Olson has agreed to serve as the manager for this grant.

Rent at Aquinnah Cultural Center

(Board voted to forgive rental payment for 2020 season)

Board accepted notice that the rent at the Aquinnah Cultural Center was overlooked when other Lessees of Town property were considered for relief as a result of lack of business due to the Covid virus. Julie motioned that the ACC be included with other Lessees and not be charged rent for the 2020 season. Gary seconded the motion. Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ham Radio Parking

(Voted to approve request)

Michelle and Dale Clement requested that they be allowed to set up their Ham radio at the Cliffs during the weekend of September 19-20. It was pointed out that the new improvements at the picnic area and overlook will not allow usual access. Town Administrator was instructed to contact them to discuss possible accommodations given their needs and the improvements. Conditional approval was voted pending ability to work within present confines.

Police Department Step Increase

(Voted to authorized step increase at 3% for one officer)

Chief Belain indicated that all town employees who were eligible were granted a step increase in salary for FY 2021 except the one eligible police officer who is not on the top step of his pay

grade. Jim Newman state that he believed this to be unfair. The Board authorize the step increase for that employee.

Correspondence

(No action taken. Letter from County Commissioners)

The Board received correspondence from Dukes County Commissioners requesting that the town mandate mask wearing at heavily used areas. Chief Belain indicated that enforcement is at issue as the Town does not have an approved by-law.

Carry-Over Vacation Time

(No action taken)

Sibel Suman informed the Board of her concerns over employee vacation time being accrued as a carry-over from prior years. She suggested that the Town consider capping the number of hours that could be carried over. The Board took her suggestion under consideration but took no formal action pending investigation on how many employees were accruing hours and how this could ultimately affect budgets.

Meeting was adjourned.