

Selectmen's Meeting
August 5, 2020

Minutes

This meeting was held via Zoom videoconference

Attending: Gary Haley, Jim Newman, Sarah Thulin, Sibel Suman, Randhi Belain, Jay Smalley, Paul Manning, Jamie Vanderhoop, Naushon Vanderhoop, Berta Welch, Emily Day, Frank Perez, Diamond Vanderhoop, Amara Ignacio, Faith Vanderhoop, Emily Vanderhoop, *Jeff Madison (Town Administrator)* Absent: *Julie Vanderhoop*,

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

Minutes Deferred

CPA Expenditures

(Board voted to require Select Board approval of project funds)

Jim Newman questioned the process of approval of projects by the CPA Committee. Citing the recent overruns related to the project at the Cliffs, the Board voted to have the Town Administrator pass along notice of a requirement that the CPA Committee that the Select Board be involved in any projects funded by CPA.

Paid Leave/Time Off

(Approved requests on warrant for paid unused personal/vacation time)

Sibel brought up the issue of employees being required to carry-over unused vacation time from year-to-year. The Board set policy of approval of carrying over unused vacation/personal time.

Parking West Basin Road

(Maintain No Parking Sign; not ticket Tribal Members)

There were many comments that objected to placement of a "Permit Only" parking sign at a turn out on West Basin Road. Select Board listened to the comments that centered around the Town by placement of the sign was inviting trespass over tribal lands. The Town Administrator indicated that the sign was installed at the request of Ed Vanderhoop who had called him about the number of cars parked in that section of road and suggested that parking be limited to Town Residents. He requested, without Select Board approval, that Jay Smalley install the sign as he felt that it would not be a controversial action. Ultimately, as an accommodation to the concerns of those in attendance the Board voted to change the sign to "No Parking." It was agreed that all cars with a Tribal Identification Card on the dashboard would not be issued a ticket. All others would be issued a ticket.

Use of Moshup Beach

(No action taken)

Jim Newman brought up the issue of beach crowding at Moshup Beach because of a lack of sandy beach at high tide. The Land Bank attendant also had brought the issue up. Sarah Thulan, Land Bank Representative, had left the meeting so the Board was unable to determine the

specific issues raised by the attendant. Gary Haley felt there was sufficient beach to accommodate the number of cars parked at the lot. No action was taken.

Correspondence

(Accepted resignation of Gabbi Camilleri from Cemetery Commission)

Town Administrator presented a letter from Sarah Saltonstall volunteering to be on the Commission. The Select Board requested that an announcement be sent to the Town email list to gauge interest before making the appointment. Action deferred to next meeting.

Town Administrator made a request of the Board to post “Parking by Permit Only” notice on Boathouse Road in Menemsha. Board requested that Town Administrator discuss posting with Tim Carroll of Chilmark.

Emily Day requested that the Town keep a tally of expenses related to Covid as there seems to be many sources of funds with a potential for more.

Randhi Belain gave notice of installation work for charging station at Aquinnah Circle on August 6.

Meeting was adjourned.