

Aquinnah Select Board
August 19, 2020

Minutes

This meeting was held via Zoom videoconference

Attending: Jim Newman (chairman), Julie Vanderhoop, Gary Haley, Jim Glavin, Jay Smalley, Jerry Green, Paul Manning, Sarah Saltonstall, Randhi Belain, Noli Taylor, Karen Columbo, Sibel Suman, Emily Day, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator)

Selectman Newman called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Minutes Deferred
(August 5, July 22, February 12, 2020)

Board of Health Report

Jim Glavin, Chairman, gave a report to bring Select Board up-to-date on status of the Board of Health. Jim Newman had requested that the BoH report on whether we are participating in regional BoH activities. Glavin gave assurances that Karen Columbo is attending meetings and keeping abreast of Island-wide initiatives. Glavin further reported that that Covid-19 tests are once again available for distribution by the Aquinnah BoH.

Emily Day, Accountant, provided numbers related to the BoH budget. She assured the Select Board that accounting relating to recent BoH purchases and staffing are in line with available funds.

Conservation & Preservation Account Funding (No Action Taken)

Jim Newman indicated that he wants a discussion on the procedure for approval of expenditures by the Aquinnah Conservation & Preservation Committee ("CPC"). He feels that current procedures in place are not sufficient to prevent overspending. He suggests that because Derrill Bazy is not at the meeting there be special meeting with the CPC. There was discussion of the improvements at the Cliffs and whether there is sufficient funding to cover cost overruns. Julie felt there needed to be an explanation of the irrigation.

Moshup Beach Issues (*Police Chief to work with Tribe to remove dead seal*)

The Select Board discussed a number of issues relating to Moshup Beach. Generally it was agreed that all rules in place, including the number of cars allowed in the Parking Lot, masking requirement as well as distancing was working well. There was a report of a dead seal on the beach. Randhi agreed to work with the Tribe in removing it from the beach.

Cemetery Commission Appointment (*Appointed Stephanie Hecht to Committee*)

Sarah Saltonstall, Carolyn Feltz and Stephanie Hecht responded to the emails sent out to residents for volunteers to serve on the Cemetery Commission. The Board voted to appoint Stephanie Hecht to the Commission.

Boat Repair for Harbormaster

(Approved payment to Chip Vanderhoop for repairs to his personal boat)

The Board discussed a bill presented for payment of repairs to Chip Vanderhoop's personal boat for damages incurred with he ran aground while leaving West Basin last fall. Gary moved and Jim seconded a motion to pay the bill. Julie abstained from the vote.

Presentation of Plan for Land Behind Town Hall

(Informal acceptance of Proposed Plan)

The Board heard a presentation by Noli Taylor of a plan to locate a playground, food forest and affordable housing on town-owned land behind the Town Hall. The plan was prepared by students at the Conway School of Landscape Design and developed over the past 5 months. Julie indicated that the next step in plan development is to identify plants that could be used to make up the food forest and follow that up with an identification of costs. It was agreed to hone in on costs this fall. Gary voiced approval of the Plan as did Jim. The Board stated they believed there to be no permit issues with moving forward with the Plan. Julie indicated this to be an example of a great community action.

Dedicated Parking at Cliffs and Town Hall

(Voted to set aside 2 spaces for Environmental Vehicles at Charging Stations)

The Board discussed setting aside 2 parking spaces at each of the charging stations to be installed at the Town Hall and the Circle. The Board voted to allow signage giving notice of restricted parking.

Audit

(Board approved contract with Roselli, Clark & Associates of Woburn)

Julie made a motion to accept the contract with Roselli, Clark & Associates to conduct an audit of Town finances for Fiscal Year 2019 and a cash audit for Fiscal Years 2016, 2017 and 2018. Gary seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

RFP for Architectural Services

(Board approved moving forward with discussion of RFP)

The Board approved a Zoom meeting open to town residents that will discuss improvements to Town Campus, including a possible request for proposals from architects to develop modest improvements to Town Offices.

“Dog Waste” bags at Circle

Julie requested that dog waste bags/receptacle be placed at Aquinnah Park. Jay Smalley agreed to install them.

Meeting was adjourned.