

Aquinnah Select Board
October 7, 2020

Minutes

This meeting was held via Zoom videoconference

Attending: Jim Newman (chairman), Julie Vanderhoop, Gary Haley, Randhi Belain, Richard Skidmore, Jay Smalley, Sarah Saltonstall, Theresa Manning, Paul Manning, Kathy Newman, Sara Hensen, Jim Vercruse, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator)

Selectman Newman called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

Minutes Approved
(Accepted minutes of 9/19/2020)

Minutes were approved by the Board with no objections

Report of the Police Chief

(Accepted Report on # of parking tickets issued this summer)

Chief Belain gave a report on the number of parking tickets issued during the summer season with a breakdown on the numbers by each officer. He expressed frustration on the signage at Red Beach and requested that the Town install signage that was clearer to persons using the parking in that area. He thanked the Board for signage in other parts of the Town. The Town Administrator indicated that he would assist the Chief to improve parking signage at Red Beach.

Youth Task Force Grant

(Voted to serve as host for new funding application)

Theresa Manning presented a grant application to the Board. The new application process this year requires a revised format from the previous 12 years. State is requiring applicants to have a municipal partner in the application process and to oversee the grant. Ms. Manning indicated that the partnership would require very little effort from the Town in the way of management. Sarah Saltonstall volunteered to work within the community to gather support if needed. Jim Newman made a motion that was seconded by Gary to support the grant application by authorizing the Town Administrator to sign the application.

Campus Planning Committee

(Support including articles in STM)

The Town Administrator gave a report on discussions with the Campus Planning Committee and the Circle Committee regarding issuance of an RFS to design required improvements at both sites. Though the projects will be separate, it was agreed that there would be one RFS that would provide interested applicants the opportunity to bid on each improvement separately. It was agreed that the process of selection of a designer would move forward. Articles funding each project would appear on the November Special Town Meeting warrant.

M.V. Tick Presentation

(No action taken)

Sarah Saltonstall opened the remarks by telling the Board of her recent experiences with ticks

on her property. She lamented about the numbers of Lone Star ticks that she has encountered and recommended that the Board speak with Dick Johnson from M.V. Tick as a resource for implementing some ways of getting rid of the pests. She was told that Dick Johnson was on the call and she turned the meeting over to him and let him tell of his own recent experiences in Aquinnah. He suggested that anyone going anywhere near wooded areas use Permethryn (sp?) or Deet on their clothing to repel ticks. There was discussion of burning and plantings of mint as other methods of control. Mr. Johnson also informed the Board of the continuation of the expanded deer hunting program that would continue this year.

M.V. Healthy Aging

(Board expressed support for the poll)

Cindy Trish, the new program director, gave a presentation to the Board and informed them of a comprehensive survey that would be sent to all Island residents at the end of October. Boston University would be assisting in tabulating the results. She felt the information gathered would be extremely helpful in planning future. Jim Newman made a motion to sign a letter of support. Julie seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Gas Inspector Introduced

Building Inspector, Len Jason, appointed Ronald Ferreira as the new Plumbing/Gas Inspector. Mr. Ferreira happened to be in the building and introduced himself to the Board.

Special Town Meeting

(Changed date from November 10 to November 14, 2020)

Board heard from the Town Administrator that he had been in discussion with town Moderator, Mike Hebert. Mike is available on Saturday, November 14, to attend the Special Town Meeting that will take place on the tarmac outside of the Fire Station at 1:00 p.m.

Cliff Restrooms

(Decided to Close Restrooms on October 15; Keep porta-potties until Nov. 1)

Select Board Meeting Time

(Agreed to return to 5:00 p.m. start time for meetings)

Emergency Management Director

(Asked that Town Administrator send out email seeking replacement)

Meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.