

Aquinnah Select Board
October 14, 2020

Minutes

This meeting was held via Zoom videoconference

Attending: Jim Newman, Gary Haley, Julianne Vanderhoop, Megan Gombos, Bill Lake, Adam Turner, Alex Elvin, Erick Durkee, Howard Goldstein, Jay Smalley, Jim Vercruysse, Jeff Madison (Town Administrator)

Minutes (Deferred)

Martha's Vineyard Commission (Board accepted the Climate Change Booklet)

After an introduction by Adam Turner, Executive Director of the MVC, Megan Gombos made a presentation to the Board of the information contained in a booklet prepared by the Commission that related to the impact of climate change on the Vineyard as a whole and Aquinnah in particular. The presentation highlighted Aquinnah's development of a Emergency Response (DERT) Team and cooperative efforts between the Town and Tribe to address emergency situations.

Restrooms Closing (Reiterated closing on October 15; porta-potties remain until Nov. 1)

Pre-STM Zoom (Approved a zoom meeting at 6 p.m. on November 12 for STM discussion)

Scallop Season
(Board opened Family season on November 1 and commercial season on November 23, 2020)
The Shellfish Committee recommended that Menemsha Pond open for family/recreational limits of 1 bushel per week/family commencing on November 1, 2020. They also recommended that the Commercial season open on November 23, 2020 provided their meeting on November 15 makes such a recommendation. The Select Board accepted both recommendations.

Decoulos Continued
(no action taken)
Board was informed of increased legal fees related to another legal matter brought by Jim Decoulos. The Board took no action except to note the increased fees.

Police Contracts
(Authorized Administrator to instruct Atty. Collins to continue negotiations on new contract)
Chief Belain requested that the negotiations with his patrolman be restarted as budget season will be coming soon. The Board agreed and requested the Town Administrator to begin discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.