

Aquinnah Select Board  
November 10, 2020

## **Minutes**

*This meeting was held via Zoom videoconference*

Attending: Jim Newman (chairman), Julie Vanderhoop, Gary Haley, Jay Smalley, Howard Goldstein, Margie Spitz, Forrest Filler, Jim Pickman, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator)

Selectman Newman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Minutes Deferred  
(Deferred minutes of October 27, 2020)

### Special Town Meeting (Cancelled Special Town Meeting )

Jim Newman raised the issue of feasibility of holding Town Meeting because of spiking Covid case numbers Island-wide. Discussion of the ability to social distance the 43 people required for a quorum with limited space in front of Fire Station. Town Administrator commented that the quorum could easily be accommodated. Question was asked about the ability to conduct the meeting by Zoom or some other electronic process. TA said that Town Meeting by Zoom is not allowed. Board asked that he get an opinion from Town Counsel on whether Zoom is allowed under the Governor's Emergency Order issued in March. Town Administrator pointed out that he believed the Select Board under the Governor's Order were allowed reduce the Town Meeting quorum requirement. Board once again requested that Town Counsel be consulted. Margie Spitz expressed her feeling that she was being disenfranchised. Her reason for feeling that way was not clear.

### Appointment of Emergency Management Director (Appointed Forrest Filler)

The Board went on record to once again thank Gary Robinson for his outstanding service. Following a brief discussion that included a recommendation from Chief Belain and others the Board unanimously appointed Forrest Fuller to serve as the EMD.

### Repair to Revetment at Red Beach (Board approved Town Administrator Investigation)

The Town Administrator gave a brief report on concern expressed to him about collapsed stones at the end of Lobsterville Road. He most recently met with Adrian Higgins who told of his discussion with various officials including Chip Vanderhoop and Sarah Thulin. Evidently, permits for repair may have existed several years ago. Board approved allowing the Town Administrator to gather more information

### Town Hall/Restrooms RFS (No action taken)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.