

Aquinnah Select Board
December 8, 2020

Minutes

This meeting was held via Zoom videoconference

Attending: Jim Newman (chairman), Julie Vanderhoop, Gary Haley, Howard Goldstein, Mike Hebert, Eleanor Hebert, Jim Pickman, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator)

Selectman Newman called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

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(Discussion deferred)

Town Meeting Quorum Requirement **(Reduced Quorum for Special Town Meeting to 10 voters)**

Jim Newman explained the reason for quorum requirement for Special Town Meeting is because the meeting will be held inside the Town Hall. He mentioned the spike in Covid cases; the location as being incapable of holding the present number of persons (43) required for a quorum. Mike Hebert, Town Moderator, suggested that the number be set at 20 – 25. Julie suggested that the number be set at 15-16. Julie asked if the reduction was just for this meeting. She was assured that the reduction was indeed just for this meeting. Eventually, Mike Hebert agreed that the quorum should be reduced to 10 persons. Gary Haley moved that: “After consultation with the Town Moderator, the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the Governor’s order, vote to reduce the number of voters required to hold the Special Town Meeting scheduled for December 19, 2020 only, to ten (10).” Julie seconded the motion. There being the no further discussion, Chairman Newman called for a vote. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Martha’s Vineyard Commission Appointment (Appointed Kathy Newman as Town Representative)

Without discussion Julie made a motion to reappoint Kathy Newman as the Town’s representative on the Martha’s Vineyard Commission. Gary seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the vote was two to zero (2-0-1) with Jim Newman abstaining.

Audit of Treasurer’s Cash Book (Authorized Town Administrator to sign Proposal)

Town Administrator explained that he had been notified by the auditors that it is necessary to do a complete reconciliation of the Treasurer’s cash book from 2015 – 2019 as a necessary component to complete the current audit. He indicated that he had received a proposal from Brian E. Turbitt to conduct the audit. Following discussion Julie moved that the Town Administrator be authorized to sign the proposal. Gary seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.