

Meeting of the
Aquinnah Select Board
August 3, 2021

Minutes

This meeting was held in person

Attending: Julianne Vanderhoop, Gary Haley, Tom Murphy, Bill Lake, Richard Andre, Eric Pekar, Luke Lefever from Vineyard Power, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator).

Selectman Haley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes Adopted
(Adopted minutes of July 20, 2021)

Vineyard Power
(Approved sending letter of support)

Richard Andre, from Vineyard Wind, introduced Eric Pekar and Luke Lefever, also Vineyard Wind employees, to the Board. Following the introduction he made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board that explained Vineyard Wind's application to lease more of the waters between Gay Head and Block Island. The presentation reiterated Vineyard Wind's commitment to maintain a working relationship with the Vineyard community, including educational training opportunities and use of Vineyard Haven as a port for at least part of the project. He requested the Board write a letter of support. The Board agreed.

Emergency Radio Issues
(No Action Taken)

Town Administrator explained that he had attended a meeting with representatives from Island Towns and the Dukes County Sheriff's Office who explained that no town has radios for its Harbormaster, Shellfish Wardens, Dog Officer, or Road Superintendent due to a shortfall in the budgeted expense line for emergency radios. This will be rectified in this fiscal year.

Keeper Position
(No Action Taken)

Town Administrator reported on communication from the Lighthouse Committee who met recently. However, they were not able to interview candidates for the Keeper position. Four potential candidates responded to notice of the position: Isaac Taylor, Daniel Marshall, Elizabeth Witham and Christopher Manning. Each of the applicants submitted the required information including proof of Covid-19 vaccination.

Film Permit Application
(No Action Taken)

Board was informed of a request to film at the Lighthouse received from Buckingham Television for a HBO series filming. The application was referred to Liz Witham for follow-up.

Howes House Committee
(Requested listing on email and website)

Town Administrator read a email from the Jen Rand, West Tisbury town Administrator, requesting an appointment to a study committee to investigate capital needs at the Howes House. The West Tisbury Select Board is also looking to schedule a discussion of cost sharing for the new Tri-Town Facility in Chilmark.

Aquinnah Village Center Intensive Archeological Survey
(Voted to allow Town Administrator to Sign PAL Contract)

Town Administrator received two proposals from Public Archeological Laboratory of Pawtucket, Rhode Island for intense archeological studies on lots shown as Lot 170.1 and 171.2 on Assessor's Map 5. The proposals were for \$8,863.00 and \$4,462.00 respectively. PAL was the only company to respond to the RFP. The Select Board voted unanimously to accept the bid and authorize the town administrator to sign the contracts.

Safe Streets Grant
(Authorized Town Administrator to sign)

Town Administrator was authorized to sign agreement with DOT that has provided funding for guardrail between the Lighthouse and shops at Aquinnah Circle. Town Treasurer has already received funds under the Safe Streets Grant Program.

Bailey Boyd Contract
(Authorized Town Administrator to sign)

Julie Vanderhoop moved and Gary Haley seconded a motion to enter into an agreement with Edgartown through Bailey Boyd Associates to use block grant funds for home improvement.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.