

Aquinnah Select Board
Minutes
July 5, 2022

Attending: Gary Haley, Tom Murphy, Julianne Vanderhoop, `Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator), Allen Rugg, Chip Vanderhoop, Jay MacLoed, Randhi Belain, Paul Manning, Kathy Newman, Jim Pickman

Minutes
(Accepted minutes of June 21, 2022)

Malkin Lot (Map 5, Lot 100)
(No action taken)

Town Administrator reported that he had been asked by an abutter whether the Town would be able to trim trees on land donated to the Town by Hannah Malkin that contains a restriction in the deed that requires the land to be left in its natural state. TA checked with Town Counsel and was advised that the plain language in the deed must be followed. Julie Vanderhoop suggested that she be given more time to think about the issue. Tom Murphy agreed Jay MacLoed asked if the land owner would pay the cost related to trimming or if he (landowner) would absorb costs. TA stated that he hadn't asked the landowner specifically that question, but he assumed that the landowner was asking for the Town to do the work. Board decided to delay a decision on how the Town should reply.

West Basin Dock
(No action taken; Harbormaster agreed to clean area)

Tom Murphy indicated he had spoken with Chip Vanderhoop about questions raised in a conversation with the Town Administrator. Chip agreed to clean the area around the dock by removing debris including crab pots "within a few days." Regarding moorings that have not been set and the swimming area Chip indicated that everything had been taken care of upon his return from Ohio last week. There was discussion about the dinghy dock at West Basin that Chip donated to the Town. No action was taken with the Town Administrator asked about the unpermitted canoes and surfboards at the Head of the Pond. There was discussion of Chip's attendance at the Bridge Academy which he indicated he was not required to attend as he has a certification from the Mass Maritime course. After discussion on how permits are issued, Kathy Newman and Tom Murphy suggested that a Committee be formed to develop a system for future permit issuance.

MSBA Formula – High School
(Voted to accept negotiated formula)

Allen Rugg reported on the negotiation with other towns that resulted in agreement on a formula for funding a new or renovated high school. The formula is weighted based 70% on student enrollment and 30% on equalized valuation of member towns. It was further agreed that there be a one (1%) adjustment reduction to Oak Bluffs' allocation in consideration of the demands placed on that town by the school's physical location. Aquinnah's share of the formula will require payment of 2.4% of project costs. Tom Murphy thanked the Town Administrator and Allen Rugg for their efforts in reaching this agreement with the Towns. Tom then made a motion

to accept the negotiated agreement. Gary seconded the motion and the motion carried 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

Police Chief Contract

(Voted to sign contract w/ Randhi Belain)

Without discussion and with the recommendation of Tom Murphy, the Board voted 3-0 to sign a 3 year contract with Randhi Belain as Chief of Police.

Time Clock

(No action taken)

Tom Murphy suggested that this be discussed with department heads. Board postponed any action pending that discussion.

Appointments

(Voted to appoint recommended as amended)

Appointments: Forrest Filler (Cape Light Compact Rep.); Bill Lake (CVEC rep); Kathy Newman (Land Bank Advisory Board – Selectmen's appointee); Jim Glavin (M.V. Resource Recovery District rep.); Fire Department: Gordon Perry (Deputy Chief); Ken Cottrill (Captain); Darren Leport, Russell Long, Ben Moreau, Dan Marshall, Joe Vanderhoop, Troy Vanderhoop Jr., Chris Manning, Bruce Palmer (Firefighters), Paul Manning (EE, EMT). The vote for the aforementioned list was 3-0 in favor of appointments.

No appointments were made to the Projects Committee as it was asked that more time be given to allow for interested parties to volunteer.

Next Meeting July 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Lobsterville Road Parking Safety

(Board voted to revisit the issue of safe parking at bend in road)

Meeting was adjourned 6:03 p.m.