

Aquinnah Select Board
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2022

Attending: Gary Haley, Tom Murphy, Julianne Vanderhoop, Jeff Madison (Town Administrator), Carla Cuch, Jim Pickman, Paul Manning, Jay MacLoed, Hugh Taylor, Wendy Swolinsky, Vern Welch

Call to order: 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

(Accepted minutes of July 5 meeting w/ typo correction)

Appointments

(Appointed members of ACDC and Circle North)

Upon recommendation of Jim Pickman Tom Murphy moved and Gary Haley seconded a motion that the following residents be appointed to the Aquinnah Cultural District Committee (ACDC): Mitzi Pratt, Bettina Washington, Amera Ignacio, Derrill Bazy and Jim Pickman. Board voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Upon Jim Pickman's recommendation Gary Haley made a motion that was seconded by Tom Murphy to appoint the following residents to the Circle North Committee: Berta Welch, Bettina Washington, Derrill Bazy, Kevin Devine, Kristina Hook, Amera Madison, Mitzi Pratt, Durwood Vanderhoop and Jim Pickman. Vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

Other appointments (Projects Committee, Board of Appeals and Board of Health) were deferred until a meeting to be held on July 19, 2022.

Aquinnah CERT request

(Agreed to place article for funds to power Town Hall on next Special Town Meeting)

Carla Cuch made a presentation to the Board on behalf of the Aquinnah Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) wherein she pointed out that the current emergency propane generator is not sufficient to power the newly installed mini-splits. She requested that the CERT be provided operating funds for their important projects. She asked that the Town remedy the situation. The Board agreed to seek funds for an appropriately sized generator at the next Special or Annual Town meeting.

Boathouse Road

(Referred matter to Harbormaster for resolution of "ramp"; accepted 15% share of cost of road improvements)

Town Administrator reported on an inquiry from Tim Carroll and Chilmark Harbormaster regarding repairs to Boathouse Road (so-called). Julie asked about the overall cost. TA said he hadn't discussed costs associated with request. Discussion also included repair to the ramp located between Chip's lot and the Menemsha Galley. Tom also inquired as to the cost. Hugh Taylor commented that the ramp was used primarily by kayaks and canoes. If increased use is contemplated he felt there could be a problem as the area is used for parking. Julie asked that our Harbormaster discuss the matter with Chilmark and return with the projected/anticipated costs.

Menemsha Leases

(Leases to be issued upon payment of 2021 and 2022 rent and insurance)

There was much discussion over the increased rent and how it came to be that the leases were only now being handed out. Also discussion over term of 3 years vs. previous lease term of 5 years. After much discussion Ton moved to execute the leases as presented; rent to be \$750 for 1st year, \$850 for 2nd year, and \$950 for 3rd year. Leases to be held by Town Administrator until first and second year rent payments are received along with proof of insurance. Lessees will be given 30 days to pay outstanding rent. Gary seconded the motion and the motion carried 3 in favor and 0 opposed.

Other Business

(Next meeting on July 19 at 5:00 p.m.)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.