

Aquinnah Select Board
Minutes
August 3, 2022

Attending: Gary Haley, Tom Murphy, Julianne Vanderhoop, `Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator), Richard & Deborah Colter, Ona Ignacio, Jay McLoed, Berta Welch, Carla Cuch, Paul manning, Theresa Manning, Jamie Vanderhoop, Randhi Belain, Randy Dull, Joanne Murphy.

Minutes
(Accepted minutes of July 19, 2022 meeting)

Kinsherf Consulting Contract
(Authorized Town Administrator to sign contract)

Tree Trimming on former Malkin Property
(Deferred action)

Town Administrator explained contents of packet that included deed to Town, town counsel opinion on whether Town has authority to remove trees along with relevant case law. Richard Colter provided a letter from realtor who was involved in the sale and picture of the lot as it existed when he purchased his property from Mrs. Malkin. Julie, after stating she “[felt] it fine to cut [the trees] low,” requested more time to review materials presented to the Board. Tom Murphy voted to defer any action to give the Board time to make a site visit.” Gary seconded the motion and the vote passed without opposition.

Aquinnah Circle Film Screening
(Voted to allow use of Circle on August 8)

Gary made a motion that the Aquinnah Cultural Center be authorized to use Aquinnah Circle on the evening of August 8 to screen a film. Tom seconded the motion and the motion carried, 3-0.

Cliff Leases
(Authorized Town Administrator to send letter to leases, including Tribe)

After discussion Board authorized the Town Administrator to send a letter to private lessees stating that the rent would remain the same as last year along with a proposed new lease that would require all shops to remain open during the tourist season. Carla Cuch reminded the Board to be mindful that we are still in potential pandemic mode and that should be taken into consideration with language requiring businesses to be open. Board also authorized sending a letter to Tribe notifying them of expiring lease (October 1, 2022).

Requests for Carry-over of Vacation Time
(Requested that Treasurer report on hours of each applicant’s request)

Treasurer’s Request to hold 2 offices
(Voted to allow Treasurer to serve on Park & Rec Committee as well as Treasurer)
Jamie Vanderhoop explained her conversation with the State Ethics Commission who informed her that in order for her (or any person) to hold 2 public offices in the same Town it is necessary

to have the Select Board's authorization of an exemption under Section 20 of the Conflict of Interest statute (commonly called the Small Town Exemption). Gary move to allow Jamie Vanderhoop to serve on the Park & Rec Committee as well as Treasurer, Tom seconded the motion. Julie indicated that she required the same exemption. The vote was 2 in favor, 0 opposed, Julie abstained from voting.

Projects Committee
(Reappointed Existing Members)

Julie made a motion to reappoint Jim Pickman, Randhi Belain, Karen Salvatore, and Kathy Newman to the Town Projects Committee. Gary seconded the motion. Without discussion, the Board voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to approve the motion.

Clerk's Request for Protection
(Voted to Request Police Presence)

Town Clerk requested by email that the Board authorize police presence at this Fall's election. Randhi indicated that it would likely have to be a "detail" rather than overtime for an officer. He indicated that the detail pay was less than overtime. Board voted unanimously to accommodate the Clerk's request.

Veteran's Benefit
(Board approved request to pay benefits to Town veteran)

Randy Dull, County Veteran's Agent, accompanied by Joann Murphy, made a presentation to the board regarding a veteran who has requested subsidies from the County for which the Town is responsible. Monthly payments of between \$1200 - \$2300 per month will be required with 75% reimbursement from the State at the end of each fiscal year. Tom motioned that the payments be approved upon certification by the County, Gary seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

Rental Housing Land Disposition Agreement Extension
(Signed the Extension)

Water issues at Cliffs
(Town Administrator to speak with Jay Smalley)

Letters were received from Kathie Olsen, on behalf of the CERT Committee, re: Town Hall generator resizing. Town Administrator provided a letter written to State Senate President Karen Spilka.

Executive Session
(Voted to adjourn to Executive Session and not reconvene in Open Session)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.