

Aquinnah Select Board Meeting
Minutes
October 20, 2022

Attending: Gary Haley, Tom Murphy, Julianne Vanderhoop, `Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator), Jessica Roddy (+2), Peter Temple, Carlos Montoya, Sam Hart, Richie Smith, Mark Friedman, Richie Smith, Allen Rugg, Jay Macloed, Mike Hebert

Call to Order at 5:00 p.m. by Julie Vanderhoop, Chairman

Minutes

(Approved minutes of September 7 and September 20 meetings)

Minutes were approved following correction of typo on September 20, 2022 under “other Business”: 5th line down to ...left ambulance barn in West Tisbury at 21:05...” Motion made by Gary Haley, seconded by Tom Murphy to approve minutes as amended, passed without objection.

Cliff Lot Leases

(Deferred discussion until November 1 meeting)

Appointment to High School MSBA Committee

(Appointed Allen Rugg and Jim Mahoney)

Sam Hart, Superintendent Richie Smith and Mark Friedman presented the need to report to the Massachusetts School Building Association members of a committee comprised of members from each of the six Towns to maintain consideration for state sharing in the cost of a new high school. This Committee, to which the Select Board unanimously appointed Allen Rugg and Jim Mahoney, was required to be reported to the State by October 31, 2022. Mark Friedman explained to the Board that there would need to be a vote by each town to amend the regional agreement and accept funding before May 29, 2023. The Board agreed to put the question before Aquinnah voters in time to meet that deadline.

Lighthouse Docent Pay

(Voted to increase hourly wage by One Dollar per hour-commencing with final payroll for '22 summer season)

Deborah Medders presented her suggested increase in hourly pay for docents. Tom Murphy motioned, and Gary Seconded a motion to increase the docent pay by One Dollar per hour. Vote carried 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

Meeting with Vern Welch re: using Menemsha Shack

(Deferred action pending receipt of more information)

Board heard from Vern Welch who informed them of his intention to use his rented shack on Menemsha Channel for a shellfish grow-out facility. His intention is to develop a source for purple shelled quahogs that he and his family use for jewelry production.

Roddy Land Donation
(Refer consideration to ConCom)

Following discussion Tom Murphy made a motion to ask Conservation Commission for their opinion on whether there could be a separate entrance to the property from Moshup Trail. Peter Temple indicated that he believed the Town would be permitted to gain relief from wetlands separation requirements as stated in the zoning by-law.

Conflict of Interest – New State Requirements)
(Voted to assign responsibility to Town Clerk)

Town Administrator made the Board aware of new on-line registration and record-keeping requirements of the conflict of interest regulations. TA pointed out that responsibilities could be assigned to Human Resources, Town Administrator or Town Clerk. Tom Murphy made a motion to accept the new regulation and assign responsibilities to the Town Clerk whom he had previously contacted. Gary Haley seconded the motion and Julie called for a vote. Vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

Appointment to Planning Board
(Appointed James Mahoney)

Town Administrator delivered notice that Berta Welch had resigned from the Planning Board. Board accepted Berta's resignation. Tom thanked her for her many years of service. Board concurred in the gratitude for her service. Tom Murphy suggested that the Board place notice on the Town website and make an appointment at the next meeting. Gary Haley seconded the motion and the board directed the Town Administrator to do so. .

Election Warrant
(Voted to sign warrant for State election)

Signatures on Expense Warrants
(No official action taken)

Town Administrator requested the Board to be more responsive to requests to sign expense warrants. Board agreed to attempt to be timelier in their signing.

Appointment to Howes House Committee
(Replaced Susan Collins with Adrian Higgins)

Adrian Higgins presented his opinion on request by Town of West Tisbury that Aquinnah and Chilmark and West Tisbury share equally in a new building on the site of the Howes House in West Tisbury center. His opinion, which he expressed to the other towns, is that Aquinnah cannot afford to contribute on that scale. Board agreed. Adrian agreed to continue to participate in the planning process and keep the Board informed of how the matter progresses.

Moshup Trail View Clearing)
(Continue investigation but incur no further costs)

Carlos Montoya and Peter Temple presented most recent developments in their effort to clear numerous views from Moshup Trail. They have had DEP visit the site and are looking to hire Doug Cooper, Reed Silva to complete the response to an appeal of Aquinnah ConCom issuance of Order of Conditions. They were asked about the cost. They estimated cost to be \$19,000.00 up

front to complete this phase and then \$2,000.00 annual maintenance. Allen Rugg made a request that prior to any commitment there be a real estimate of the cost. Tom suggested that perhaps raising private funds may be an option.

Climate & Energy Committee Appointment
(Appointed Kathy Newman and Luke Lefebber)

At the suggestion of Bill Lake the Board voted to appoint Kathy Newman and Luke Lefebber to the local Climate and Energy Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.