

Aquinnah Select Board Meeting
Minutes
November 29, 2022

Attending: Gary Haley, Tom Murphy (15 minutes late), Julianne Vanderhoop, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator), Morgan Hodson, Paul Manning, Mike Hebert, Amera Ignacio, Carla Cuch, Adrianna Ignacio, Berta Welch, Randhi Belain, Kevin Divine, Mitzi Pratt, John Abrams

Call to Order at 4:03 p.m. by Julie Vanderhoop, Chairman

Minutes

(Accepted minutes of October 20, 27, and November 1 – without amendment or changes)
Gary Haley moved to accept the minutes of October 20, October 27 and November 1, 2022, Julie seconded the motion. Motion passed 2 -0 (Tom Murphy had not joined the meeting at time of vote).

Cliff Committee

(Appointed 2 Committees – 1 for private leases; 1 for Tribe Lease)

After much discussion, none of which pertained to make-up of a committee Tom Murphy made a motion that Amera Madison, Keith Devine, Kristina, Paul Manning Del Araujo, Jay Smalley and him form a Committee to negotiate a new lease with the Tribe. Tom, Berta, Carla, Adrianna and Martha Vanderhoop would form a Committee to negotiate a lease with private lessees. A motion was made by Tom, Seconded by Gary and voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to form the 2 Negotiating Committees.

Scallop Season

(Vote to open Family Season immediately and Commercial Season on December 5)
Discussion resulted in motion to open Menemsha Pond for family permit immediately and commercial season at sunrise on December 5, 2022 w/ a 2 “struck” bushel limit. Vote was unanimous in favor of opening the season.

Building Inspector Appointment

(Appointed William Dillon as Asst. Building Inspector)

Tom Murphy made a motion to appoint William Dillon as the Assistant Building Inspector, Gary Haley Seconded the motion. Vote was 3 – 0 in favor of the motion.

Road Sanding Contract

(Authorized Town Administrator to sign contract with David Giles)

Without discussion the Board authorized Town Administrator to sign contract as presented by the Highway Department. Unanimous consent to authorize signing.

Housing Bank

(Recommended sending along article as voted, and subsequently amended to legislature)
Mike Hebert, Aquinnah representative to Housing Bank Review Committee, Mitzi Pratt and John Abrams all spoke to the Board. Each recommended sending the proposed housing bank legislation

to the legislature with three amendments. This action is in keeping with the towns of Chilmark, West Tisbury and Oak Bluffs who have each voted the same. The recommendation does not follow the advice of State representatives who recommend removing the funding mechanism to conform to legislation filed on behalf of all towns in the Commonwealth. Tom moved to endorse legislation as amended similar to other Vineyard towns. Vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

Assessor Contract
(Accepted Bid by Regional Resource Group)

Julie opened the bid received in response to RFP for assessing services. The bid from Regional Resource Group was for three (3) years for \$160,176.00 (\$51,420.00 for FY '23; \$53,340.00 for FY '24; and, \$55,416.00 for FY '25). Gary made a motion to accept the submittal and authorize signing, Tom seconded the motion, Vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

Town Project Committee
(No action taken)

Jeff gave a report on status of discussions by the Committee. Tom read an email from Karen Salvatore.

Lighthouse 10K Report
(voted to accept funds for use by Lighthouse Committee)

Report from Martha Vanderhoop indicated receipts of \$16, 132.88 after expenses of the 10K. Gary made a motion to accept the funds received plus any additional monies received as a donation to be used by the Lighthouse Committee. Julie seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Land Bank Letter
(No action taken)

Circle North Building Inspections
(Accepted recommendation of Circle North Committee to postpone action pending review of zoning)

New Business

Tom brought up Steve Yaffee's bill for landscape services at Cliffs. He recommended including future costs in the annual budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.