

Meeting of the
Aquinnah Select Board
October 19, 2021

Minutes

This meeting was held in person in the Select Board Meeting Room at Town Office

Attending: Julianne Vanderhoop, Gary Haley, Tom Murphy, Paul Manning, bill Lake, Mitzi Pratt, Meghan Gombos, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator).

Selectman Haley called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Minutes

(Accepted minutes of September 7 and September 28, 2021)

Leasing of #9 Aquinnah Circle (Authorized advertisement of RFP)

Mitzi Pratt presented a draft RFP to the Board that would solicit proposals for leasing the former restaurant known as Manning's at the entrance to Aquinnah Circle. The Board had several questions regarding the RFP. Julie wanted to know who would make the selection should the Town receive multiple proposals. How long would the proposed lease be? Whether the Town had received any current inquiries? Mitzi answered that all answers to the questions would be determined by the proposals received, if any. Mitzi also pointed out that Gisele Gauthier would be involved in selection process, if requested. After listening to the presentation the Board voted unanimously in favor of putting out the RFP.

Credit Card Payments @ Landfill (No Action Taken)

Tom informed the Board of his discussion with the BoH on a suggestion to have Natalie accept credit card payments at the Landfill instead of taking cash. He received a curt reply from Jim Glavin, town representative on the MV Refuse District who claims to have sole control over the Landfill. A letter was also received from Sarah Saltonstall stating that the Aquinnah BoH will take the matter under consideration. The question was raised over who has the authority to make appointments to the Refuse District. Most recent Agreement states that there should be 2 representatives appointed by [either] the Selectmen or BoH. Tom agreed to attempt to resolve the matter with the BoH.

Red Gate Farm Public Use (Tom to revise letter written by Town Administrator)

Tom reported that he had discussed planned use of the Red Gate Farm property with Sarah Thulin who indicated that any use of the property would require advance reservation. There was no explanation of who would be providing permission. Sarah also informed Town that there would be meetings to discuss whatever access plans that would provide opportunity for the the Town to give input into whatever plan may ultimately be adopted. Town Administrator had included a suggested letter in the meeting packet that requested information that Tom provided in his report. Board agreed to have Tom and Administrator revise the letter and bring it back before the Board for review at the next meeting.

Holiday Name Change (Voted to Change Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day)

(Voted to add Cranberry Day as an official Town Holiday)

Climate and Energy Commission

(Accepted Climate & Energy Committee Report)

Bill Lake and Meghan Gombos presented a report which outlined several initiatives of their Committee that include a reduction of fossil fuel use on Island of 50% by 2030 and an increase in the fraction of electricity use to 50% renewable by 2030 as well. Their report also included the need to inform residents about incentives for electric heat pumps and EV's. They suggested a Home Rule Petition that would require all new, or substantially remodeled, construction to use electricity for heating, cooling and hot water. Other by-law changes would propose required local zoning changes/additions to effectuate changes required to incentivize property owners.

Cliff Leases

(Voted to notify Tribe and other Tenants of expiring lease in October 2022)

PAL Authorization

(Voted to approve PAL amended contract)

Board received and approved expanded site archeological Site Evaluation on the property behind Town Hall (Assessor map parcels 5-170.1 and 170.2) by Public Archeological Laboratories. This expanded investigation became necessary when significant features were located in PAL's initial investigation. Tom made a motion to accept PAL's contract and Julie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.