

Aquinnah Select Board Meeting  
Minutes  
January 24, 2023

Attending: Gary Haley, Tom Murphy, Julianne Vanderhoop, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator), Amera Ignacio, Paul Manning, Randhi Belain, , Carla Cuch, Rick Solzberg, Dan Doyle, Noli Taylor, Isaac Taylor, Jim Pickman

*This meeting was held by Zoom videoconference*

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

MVC – Edge Road Discussion  
(No action taken)

Tom Murphy explained to the Board the proposal. His comments were that he viewed the project favorably. However given that the Town cannot afford the cost of \$40,000.00 to implement the plan he would have to vote “no” if asked today. Gary indicated that funding would be a factor in his decision, were he to vote today. Dan Doyle thanked the town for listening and giving consideration to the proposal. He agreed to seek outside funding for implementation. Isaac and Noli Taylor added that the Town should consider the proposal if funding is found. Dan asked if Town Meeting approval would be required should he be able to find funding. Town Administrator opined that the Select Board had authority to implement without town meeting approval. Chief Belain agreed.

Cliff Lease Lots  
(No action taken)

Tom Murphy explained that he had made changes to the proposed leases of Hat-Ma-Cha, Stony Creek Gifts and On the Cliffs, as directed, and authorized, at prior meeting. Changes included the dates of required operation from Memorial Day to Labor Day. He indicated his desire, and that of the Board, to sign leases as soon as possible. Julie indicated that getting proper leases “takes a while.” Tom will seek to resolve remaining issues with Tribe for their master lease.

Paul Manning indicated that he had not had any conversations with the Tribe about possible lease extension. Tom indicated he would not sign, or agree, to any lease without discussing with Paul.

Parking in front of #9 Aquinnah Circle  
(Agreed to have Jay Smalley investigate)

Tom Murphy explained a plan to add parking at the parking lot at #9 Aquinnah Circle by removing the landscape timbers surrounding the existing unkempt weed “garden” and placing gravel over the area. Julie and Gary both asked that the current residents of condos be considered in any plans. Julie asked that any plan not block access to the condos. Isaac Taylor inquired whether more parking would increase traffic and whether the existing one-way designation could be changed from #9 to the State Highway. Randhi indicated that he would be opposed to any change in traffic flow.

#### Coyote Discussion

(No action taken)

Julie informed the Board that Kim Andrade, Animal Control Officer for West Tisbury (?), had actually seen the Gay Head Coyote crossing the road in front of her house near her chicken yard. Randhi indicated that he and Paul Manning had discussed the matter with Matt Simmonds the Natural Resources Officer for the State.

#### EverSource Easement

(Voted to sign easement for underground service on Old South Road)

Tom Murphy made a motion, that was seconded by Gary Haley, to sign the petition presented by Eversource Energy to install 46' of underground cable and 4" conduit under Old South Road. The motion was approved 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

#### Meeting time

(Voted to change meeting time to 5:00 p.m.)

Town Administrator related a complaint from Barbara Bassett that the current meeting time of 4:00 p.m. did not allow working residents to attend the meeting without taking time off from work. The Board, in consideration of the request, gave unanimous consent to change the meeting time to 5:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.