

Aquinnah Select Board Meeting  
Minutes  
February 7, 2023

Attending: Gary Haley, Tom Murphy, Julianne Vanderhoop (Chair), Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator, Bill Lake, Chris Manning, Luke Lefebber, Jay Macloed, Vern Welch, Barbara Bassett (late).

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

Minutes

(Approved minutes from November 29, 2022, December 13, 2022, January 10, 2023 and January 24, 2023)

Gary made a motion to collectively approve four sets of minutes (shown above) Tom seconded the motion. The motion was approved – 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

Climate Committee Report  
(Accepted report by Bill Lake)

Bill Lake presented an update on matters concerning energy. The report included notice of upgrade in the Home Energy Rating System (“HERS”) as of July 1, 2024. Town may opt in to a specialized code. Aquinnah is one of 10 communities in Massachusetts to belong to the All-Electric Demonstration Program. Further Bill reported the Town continues its work with the Town of Chilmark as part of a federally funded planning project to study micro-grids for Town and Tribe buildings. Tom Murphy thanked Bill Lake and others on the local energy committee for their work on behalf of our Town.

EverSource Easement

(Approved/Signed petition for underground cable/conduit on Lobsterville Road)

Gary explained the easement sought by EverSource then made a motion to approve the petition. Tom seconded the motion. Motion was approved – 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Tom Murphy thanked Bill Lake and Energy Committee for their work on behalf of Town.

Up-Island School District  
(Board will await further notice from UIRSD)

Board acknowledged receipt of letter from Superintendent Smith regarding UIRSD vote to reopen the Inter-municipal Agreement to increase funding for HVAC unit at Chilmark School. Board agreed to await more information on how to proceed.

Lot A – Menemsha Channel  
(accepted Vern Welch proposal to reinforce shack)

Vern Welch sought permission from the Board to add reinforcement to structural element of the shack on his rental property. Board accepted and approved his suggested repair. Town Administrator delivered notice from Wendy Swolinzsky that she objected to discussion without her absence.

Lot B – Menemsha Channel  
(Accepted notice of pro se appeal by Wendy)

Lighthouse Report  
(Accepted report from Keeper)

Chris Manning gave a report of needed repairs at Lighthouse which included walk-way washout, split-rail fence, lower door, window on third deck, brick repair (interior). Tom gave thanks to Chris Manning and Isaac Taylor for their work of installing decorative holiday lighting at the Light

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.