

Aquinnah Select Board Meeting
Minutes
May 23, 2023

Attending: Gary Haley, Tom Murphy, Julianne Vanderhoop (Chair), Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator, Mike Hebert, Luke Lefeber, Theresa Manning, Paul Manning

Call to Order at 5:01 p.m. by Julie Vanderhoop, Chairman

Minutes
(Adopted Minutes of April 11, 2023 meeting as presented)

Board Reorganization
(Tom Murphy appointed Chairman)
Julie Vanderhoop moved that Tom Murphy be appointed chairman of the Select Board effective immediately. Gary seconded the motion. The motion carried 2 in favor, 1 abstention.

Building Inspector Update
(Agreed to have Town Administrator continue talking to Town of Chilmark re: Shared services)
Town Administrator reported on discussions with Tim Carroll to develop an agreement to share services. Both towns will include articles in Special Town Meeting warrants that will ask voters to appropriate funds to hire a building inspector.

Special Town Meeting
(Approved warrant for Special Town Meeting on June 14, 2013)
Board discussed the warrant including those articles that were included as a result of receiving voter petitions to the Town Clerk. Mike Hebert informed the Board that he had purchased 50 additional individual voting devices that he hoped to have on-hand for the STM. Julie made a motion that was seconded by Gary to approve the warrant. Vote was unanimous.

Termination of Solar Array Contract
(Deferred until next meeting)

Notice of Expiration of Town Administrator Contract
(Agreed to have Tom Murphy review new contract and consult with Town Counsel)

Seasonal Parking Attendant Hires for Philbin Lot
(Accepted applications by Sage Newman and Molly Newbold)
Board read emails received from young women interested in the Philbin Beach Parking Attendant position. Board unanimously approved hiring the applicants.

Fire Department Doors
(Approved replacement of all overhead doors at Fire Station)

After being told by the Town Administrator that another door at the Fire Station had failed Board approved replacement of all overhead doors. Julie asked what color the new doors would be. TA said he would ask Jay.

Paving Town Roads

(No action taken)

Town Administrator provided an explanation of paving projects at Church Street, Old South Road, Lobsterville Road and Moshup Trail. Monies for all projects will be reimbursed from funds held by Department of Transportation including monies from Winter Recovery Fund Program.

Inter-municipal Agreement

(Signed Agreement necessary for Chilmark Bond issue for repairs at Chilmark School)

The Board reviewed Inter-municipal Agreement that is necessary for Chilmark to acquire funds through a bond issue to repair the HVAC system at Chilmark School. Question was asked how much this was going to cost Aquinnah. The cost is set by the Up-Island Regional School District Agreement. Chilmark's issuance of a bond will be less than any other method of funding the necessary repair. Julie moved and Gary seconded a motion to sign the Agreement that will be delivered to the Superintendent's office. The motion carried unanimously.

Philbin Beach Parking Permit Charge

(Voted to raise all fees, except Resident fee, by \$25.00)

Town Administrator pointed out that the parking fees for Philbin Beach had not been raised in 4-5 years while costs associated with management including credit card machine usage had increased significantly. TA recommended that the fees, with the exception of Resident Parking Permits, be raised by \$25.00. Board unanimously accepted the recommendation. Tom Murphy recommended, and the Board agreed, that the reference on the parking application to enforcement of 7/365 be removed.

ACDC Request

(Suggested June 12 or 13 for walk at Aquinnah Circle)

ACDC requested that the Board attend a walk-around at Aquinnah Circle to hear of their concerns for the area including Circle North, potential additional restroom locations and other matters of mutual interest. It was suggested that the date for walk be scheduled for June 12 or 13 as Tom Murphy will not be in Town of the original suggested date of June 8.

Cape Light Agreement

(Authorized TA to sign Agreement)

Luke Lefeber explained the request of Cape Light Compact's request for Aquinnah to adopt the agreement that may allow for cheaper electric rates. Julie made a motion, seconded by Gary to authorize Town Administrator to sign the agreement. Vote on the motion was unanimous in favor of approval.

Cliff Lot Water

(No action taken)

Paul and Theresa Manning inquired of the Board when they could expect water to be made available for their take-out restaurant, Cliff Hangers. Paul expressed concern over the lack of communication. Tom promised to keep Paul informed of progress but that the cure is complicated.

State Road Pothole

(Asked that Jay notify State)

Julie raised the issue of a pothole located in the middle of State Highway at the bottom of Tar Barrel Hill Road. Paul agreed to notify Jay Smalley and the State Highway Superintendent, Stacey, of the problem.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.