

Aquinnah Select Board Meeting  
Minutes  
June 6, 2023

Attending: Gary Haley, Tom Murphy, Julianne Vanderhoop (Chair), Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator, Bill Lake, Jim Pickman, Jim Benoit, Barbara Bassett (joined late)

Call to Order at 5:00 p.m. by Tom Murphy, Chairman

Minutes  
(Accepted Minutes of May 23, 2023 meeting as presented)

Termination of Solar Canopy Contract  
(Voted to terminate the existing Contract)

Bill Lake provided an explanation of the previously executed contracts for construction of solar arrays on the roof of Town Hall, Town Offices and a canopy over the parking lot in front of the Fire Station. These projects have stalled awaiting completion of plans for the Town Office Campus to be completed. Further complicating the previous design is the plan for a micro-grid that will keep town buildings up and running in the event of a power outage. The micro-grid, as explained by Bill Lake would include both solar facilities and batteries that are substantially different from those contemplated in the existing contract. Bill further explained that Berkley Lab from Lawrence were in the process of development of a design that would probably require two separate developers. Following Bill's presentation Julie made a motion that would authorize the Town Administrator to sign Agreement terminating the current contract. Gary seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Parking at Circle North  
(T.A. to speak with Highway Superintendent)

Town Administrator asked the Board if they wanted to place signs or provide some other means to give drivers notice of how to park at Circle North. Board instructed the T.A. to speak with Jay about a solution.

Building Improvement Committee  
(Appointed Committee)

The Board appointed Jay Bodnar, Jed Smith, Adrian Higgins, Kathy Newman, Randhi Belain, to a Building Improvement Committee that will replace the Project Committee. The purpose of the newly created committee will be to develop a priority list of improvements to Town buildings and grounds. It was agreed that they would work cooperatively with Jay Smalley on suggested improvements that will be brought to the Select Board. Julie made a motion to appoint the committee. Gary seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor. Board asked that Town Administrator notify the committee members and set up an organizational meeting.

Town Hall Parking Lot Improvements  
(Refer to Building Improvement Committee)

Aquinnah Cultural District Committee  
(Board will attend a site visit at 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2023)

Tick Treatment/Lighthouse & Cultural Center  
(Consider alternative treatments)

Town Administrator suggested that the Town consider having lands at the Lighthouse and around the Cultural Center treated for ticks. Board felt that while they support the notion of treatment for ticks standard treatment would be expensive. They suggested that the T.A. investigate a product called Wondercide that could be applied by Jay and the Highway Department. Other methods including Dawn dishsoap were discussed. T.A. agreed to discuss with Jay and get back to the Board with his comment.

Payment for Restroom Improvements  
(Agreed to allow for payment out of town meeting appropriation)

Dedication of Shade Structure  
(Accepted invitation to attend celebration on June 21, 2023)

Next Meeting  
(Voted to hold next meeting at 4:00 p.m. on June 21)

Correspondence

Accepted a letter from Dan Doyle from the Martha's Vineyard Commission regarding traffic counts at the Circle (No action).

Accepted a letter from Luke Lefebber giving notice of a charge by ComCast of \$118.10 per month for internet service required by the solar array at the landfill. They also authorized payment to Vineyard Power Solar, LLC for back charges related to the ComCast account.

Woody Vanderhoop sought permission for the Town Administrator to sign an agreement wherein the Town agrees not to use the Wampanaak translations that are printed on signs to be placed at Aquinnah Circle and the intersection of Moshup Trail and State Road. The Board unanimously approved authorizing the Town Administrator to sign.

Tom Murphy read a letter from Charles A. Ryan, III of the Amalgamated Transit Union who represents drivers from the Vineyard Transit Authority. No action was taken by the Board on this letter.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.