

Aquinnah Select Board Meeting
Minutes
July 11, 2023

Attending: Tom Murphy(Chair), Gary Haley, Julie Vanderhoop, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator, Bill Lake, Randhi Belain, Paul Manning. Lucas Belain, Mitzi Pratt, Morgan Hodgson, Mike Hebert, Jim Pickman

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

Minutes

(Accepted minutes of June 6 and June 21 w/ corrected typos)

Housing Bank

(Voted to take necessary steps to clear title to Lot 85)

Mike Hebert deferred to Mitzi and Morgan before addressing the Board. Morgan gave a run-down on the state of the Housing Bank legislation pending at the State House. She asked the Board to allow Town Administrator to sign a letter of support to be delivered to appropriate State Committees. Tom and Gary supported the request and Tom thanked Mitzi and Morgan for their commitment to housing issues.

Mike Hebert informed the Board that Southwest Construction had been selected by IHT as the company who will build the housing apartments behind Town Hall. Site work and construction to begin at the end of August. He expressed his thanks to Grace and Barry Reeves for their cooperation for their assistance in permitting the process.

Mike further asked the Board to take the necessary steps begin the process clearing title to, and acquisition of outstanding interest, in Lot 85 on Old South Road for possible next housing project in the Town. The MV Land Bank is a cooperative co-tenant with the Town on title issues relating to the lot.

Lucas Belain Appointment

(Voted to accept conflict notice from Chief Belain)

Town Administrator presented a notice of conflict of interest form he received from Chief Belain concerning appointment of Chief's son as a seasonal traffic officer. The Board accepted the form.

ESS Contract

(Authorized Town Administrator to sign contract)

Appointments

(Deferred appointments to various Town Committees until next meeting)

Howes House

(No discussion)

Wind Farm Mitigation

(accepted report of Bill Lake and Jim Pickman)

Following a notice of regret on Len Butler's passing, Bill Lake gave a presentation of the status of discussions with various wind farm developers' mitigation funding to Lighthouse, Vanderhoop Homestead and Aquinnah Lookout. There was discussion on the appropriateness of dedicating Lighthouse Park to the memory of Len Butler. Julie express concern over the timing of this action stating that there are other areas of Town that should be considered for naming and that there needs to be an action to honor all as a means of respect. Further, she felt there needed to be a process for naming areas of Town. Tom expressed his willingness to have a conversation on naming other sections of Town. Ultimately, Tom moved to dedicate the park to Len's memory. Gary seconded the motion. The motion carried, unanimously.

Correspondence

Administrator notified Board of the meeting of Vineyard and Nantucket Select Boards on July 20 at 4:00 p.m. by Zoom video conference.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.