

Aquinnah Select Board Meeting
Minutes
August 8, 2023

Attending: Tom Murphy (Chair), Julie Vanderhoop, (absent: Gary Haley), Jeffrey Madison
(Town Administrator), Chief Randhi Belain

Call to Order at 5:02 p.m. by Tom Murphy, Chairman

Minutes

(Accepted minutes of July 11 and July 18, 2023)

Tom inquired about the appointment of Select Board appointment to Land Bank Advisory Board. Following discussion Julie moved and Tom seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

IHT Rental Update

(Accepted report of Town Administrator as informed by Derrill Bazy)

T.A. informed the Board of the official groundbreaking at 4 p.m. on August 24, 2023 for the rental units being developed by IHT behind Town Hall. Derrill Bazy, who was unable to attend the meeting also informed the TA that the Housing Committee had decided to name the units after former Select Board member Carl Widdiss.

Lighthouse Park Dedication

(Land around Aquinnah Lighthouse to be dedicated to Len Butler)

TA informed the Board that the Butler family have arranged a memorial service for Len Butler on September 10 at 4 p.m. The Board will dedicate the land around the Lighthouse to Len in memory of his efforts in assisting with moving and then rehabilitation of the Light.

Animal Control Officer

(No action taken)

There was a short discussion on efforts for replacement ACO. TA had no news to report. Tom indicated his willingness to contact Edgartown TA Haggerty about possibility of sharing services.

Lighthouse Docent Schedule

(Accepted Deborah Medders' August Schedule)

County Fuel Bid

(Authorized TA to sign fuel bid)

Julie made a motion to accept the proposed County-wide bid from Packer Fuel for FY 2024 as received from Martina Thornton, County Manager. Tom seconded the motion vote was unanimous.

Complete Neighborhood Grant

(Agreed to accept MVC application for Mass Housing Partnership Grant funding)

(Agreed to authorized TA to sign \$90K IHT Grant to fund Rental Housing Construction)
Laura Silber from MVC will be submitting a proposal on behalf of six Island towns to participate in an application for the 2024 awards under the Complete Neighborhood Partnership program. Mass Housing Partnership is excited to receive an application from the Island as a whole and has expressed a high likelihood of funding such an application. .

Mini-Split Update
(Accepted Report from TA)

TA reported that Rise Engineering had three prospective bidders in the building on Monday. Bids are expected to be received by the end of next week. It is anticipated that monies appropriated at Annual Town Meeting will fall short of required funding to install the units. In that case monies will need to come from the article that set aside \$250K for repairs will need to be tapped.

Fire Department Door Update
(Authorized signing bids for new doors from Overhead Door Company)

Other Business:

Accepted a letter from Anne Tagge in which she objected to \$10 charge for transfer station permit

Authorized Town Administrator to sign contract with Leathers & Associates for design and construction services to build a playground behind Town Hall. Julie made a motion that was seconded by Tom to sign a contract as presented by the Park & Rec Committee. Motion passed.

After discussion with Chief Belain Board authorized a beach party for Clyde Smith who will be attending Harvard University this fall. Town Administrator said that he was sorry that Clyde was not at the meeting as he wanted to, along with sending best wishes for a successful college career ask Clyde to answer with pride when asked where he was from that he is from Aquinnah with the same enthusiasm and pride that his home town felt in his acceptance to Harvard.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.