

Aquinnah Select Board Meeting
Minutes
10-05-2023

Attending: Tom Murphy (Chair), Gary Haley, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator) Jay MacLoed, Bill Lake, Del Araujo, Absent: Julie Vanderhoop

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

Chairman Murphy announced that some agenda items would be deferred to allow those who wished to attend celebration of Julie's award for Creative Living.

Minutes
(Accepted minutes of September 19, 2023)

Expanded/Revised IHT Lease
(Deferred)

Aquilla Event
(Accepted report by Town Administrator)

Del Araujo made a presentation to the Board on his plans for a "Harvest Happening" he will be conducting at Aquinnah Circle. The event is scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a cornhole tournament with cash prize of \$150 for 1st place and \$50 for second place. There will be a story walk (an "earth focus" event) inside Aquinnah Circle. Live music will be played by indigenous musicians. Food by Del (hamburgers and dogs) and Jeff Duarte (ribs).

Tom thanked Del for his innovations and creativity of the program. He asked about alcoholic drinks. Del said no alcohol will be served but will serve non-alcoholic beverages. He indicated that he had received criticism from Tribal members about bringing in alcoholic drinks so he gave up on the idea. Chief Belain indicated he had no objections to the stated activities.

Heat Pump Update
(Deferred)

Audit Update
(Accepted verbal report of T.A.)

Town Administrator informed Board of receipt of draft audits from Roselli – Clark. The three reports included FY 2020, 2021 and 2022. Roselli is waiting for certification of condition from Town Counsel regarding pending litigation before finalizing audits.

EV Charging Update
(Deferred)

Town Administrator provided very brief report on non-functioning units at Town Hall. Bill Lake was also in attendance to hear frustrations expressed by T.A. Further report will be provided when there have been actual discussions with the Enel-X company representatives regarding the non-functional units at Town Hall.

Authorization to sign Kinsherf Contract
(Authorized T.A. to sign agreement)

Town Administrator explained that a contract with Eric Kinsherf, CPA to provide training for Town Treasurer in posting accounts to general ledger. Training is necessary for Treasurer to keep monthly records of payments for reconciling balance sheets with the Town Accountant. Gary moved that the Town Administrator be authorized to sign the contract with Kinsherf. Tom agreed the motion was voted unanimously.

Funds to Complete Playground Parking
(Approved using funds from 5/9/23 ATM)

Town Administrator explained that Jamie Vanderhoop, for the playground group, was requesting Seven Thousand Dollars to supplement monies allocated for the parking lot at the proposed playground. Gary moved to allow the use of monies. Tom agreed.

Police Contract Negotiations
(Deferred discussion)

Other matters

Tom gave a brief report on progress of the Infrastructure Committee that included ordering (and receipt) of shingles, ordering window, repairs to fascia board at Fire Department (completed), still waiting for fire station doors. He thanked the Committee for their work on these projects.

Randhi brought up the broken pipes in the Town Hall restroom and resulting damage.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.