

Aquinnah Select Board Meeting
Minutes
10-19-2023

Attending: Tom Murphy (Chair), Gary Haley, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator) Jay MacLoed, Sarah Thulin, Emily Day, David Golden (via Zoom video conference), Eric Litt, Derrill Bazy, Absent: Julie Vanderhoop

Meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing

Call to Order at 4:08 p.m. by Tom Murphy, Chairman

Minutes
(Accepted minutes of October 5, 2023)

Classification Hearing
(Adopted a classification factor of 1.0 for all classes)

David Golden, from Regional Resource Group [RRG], went over Assessor's recommendation for classification of Town properties. The maximum allowable levy for FY 2024 is \$6,042,107. Increased levy limit as allowed under Proposition 2-1/2 is \$141,286 and certified new growth is \$37,002. There is debt exclusions of \$93,369. And an override of \$110,000 the refuse district excludable debt is \$9,009. Thus the maximum allowable levy for FY 2024 will be \$6,042,107. *Tax rate is estimated to be \$6.40/\$1,000 of valuation.*

Following the presentation Gary Haley moved that The Aquinnah Select Board vote in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 56, as amended, the percentage of local tax levy which will be borne by each class of real and personal property, relative to setting the Fiscal Year 2024 tax rates and set the residential factor at 1.0000, with a corresponding CIP shift of 1.0000, pending certification of the Towns annual tax recap by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Tom Murphy seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

IHT Ground Lease
(Agreed to sign ground lease for rental housing units)

Derrill Bazy pointed out a typo in the ground lease that was presented. The typo is in the description of the housing units being created. The lease, as presented, having misstated the units as two 1 bedroom units, one 1 bedroom unit and one 3 bedroom unit, should actually state two 1 bedroom units and two 2 bedroom units. The Board agreed to change the description to reflect what is actually being built. The change is noted in Section 5.1 of the proposed lease.

Gary made a motion to sign the lease as amended and Tom seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Land Bank Letter

(Agreed to accept letter from Pam Goff)

Sarah Thulin explained why the proposal to seek changes to Land Bank enabling legislation as suggested by Town of West Tisbury is a bad idea. The Board agreed to disregard any proposed changes to the legislation at this time.

Discussion evolved to Governor Healy's recent housing bill. Most discussion was positive. However, Sarah cautioned that approval of the Governor's proposed legislation might result in uncontrolled housing being built. Tom thanked Derrill for his involvement in housing affairs through the years.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Proposal

(Discussion deferred)

Other Business

(Agreed to consider increase building permit fees)

Board asked Town Administrator to request that Building Inspector attend next meeting to provide a recommendation for fee increases to permits for construction. Increases would be substantial enough to cover cost of administration of applications.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.