

Aquinnah Select Board Meeting
Minutes
03/26/2024 Meeting

Attending: Tom Murphy (Chair), Julianne Vanderhoop, Gary Haley, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator), Paul Manning, David Vanderhoop

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

Minutes
(Accepted minutes March 5, 2024)

Appointments to Lighthouse Committee
(Appointed Guy Berry and Jim Pickman)

At the suggestion of Bill Lake after brief discussion the Board appointed Guy Berry (as representative of the Condo Association) and Jim Pickman to complete the Lighthouse Committee

Appointment of Town Clerk
(Appointed Kayla Manning Darcey)

After brief discussion, Board accepted the recommendation of Town Clerk, Gabriella Camilleri, that Assistant Clerk Kayla Darcey be appointed Town Clerk until the next Town Election on Thursday, May 16, 2024. Julie moved that Kayla be appointed, Gary seconded the motion and without discussion the vote was unanimous.

Emergency Animal Control Officer
(Appointed Kim Andrade)

After brief discussion, which included details of a recent dog bite incident, Julie moved and Gary seconded a motion to appoint Kim Andrade as an Emergency Animal Control Officer. The motion passed unanimously.

Beach Accessibility
(Accepted report on handicap accessibility)

Tom reported on meeting with _____, regional agent on beach accessibility, earlier in the day. Recommendations were received that outlined steps to improve accessibility at Moshup Beach, Lobsterville Beach, Red Beach and Philbin Beach. Most improvements could be achieved at modest expense. Agent indicated that funding for improvements could be achieved as a portion of his program. No specific action was taken, but Board agreed to take some reasonable steps to begin compliance as suggested.

Sassafras Sign
(Voted to allow signage with approval of Highway Supervisor)

Request from David Vanderhoop to place a small sign at the intersection of State Highway and Church Street. David requested that the sign be placed below Aquinnah Library sign. He was referred to Library Trustees for an answer. Board authorized sign to be located such that it did not interfere with sight lines when exiting Church Street.

Opioid Abatement Funds

(Authorized participation in Regional Pooling Effort)

After short discussion Board voted to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement on Use of Opioid Abatement Funds that was put before them by Martina Thornton.

Dukes County Emergency Management Coordinator

(Supported including DCEMC in Town Budget)

Town Administrator proposed that Aquinnah contribute One Thousand Dollars per year to support hiring a regional emergency management coordinator. Tom asked if our appropriation would render the agreement that was before them invalid as language called for each town to contribute Five Thousand Dollars. Town Administrator said it would not, but that he would notify the County Manager and other town administrators of Aquinnah's contribution change from language as presented.

Short Term Rental Set-aside

(Accepted proposed set-aside)

Mike Hebert was assured by the Select Board that there would be a 2% set-aside of Short Term Rental tax funds to the Town's affordable housing funds. He was also provided assurance that the Board would place an article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant that pertained to creation of an Island-wide affordable housing committee. It was agreed that there would be a joint meeting with the Aquinnah Housing Committee following the Annual Town Meeting to consider items of mutual interest.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.