

Meeting of the
Aquinnah Select Board
January 18, 2022

Minutes

The meeting was held in person in Select Board meeting room

Attending: Gary Haley, Tom Murphy, Juli Vanderhoop Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator), Morgan Hodson, Mike Hebert, Kevin Devine, Eric Stange, Jessica Roddy, Julie Faye, Laura Silber

Chairman Haley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

(Approved minutes 11/30/2021 & 12/14/2021)

Juli abstained from voting on the 11/30 minutes as she did not attend the meeting. Otherwise the vote was 3-0 in favor of approving the minutes as written

Appointments

(Cathy Olsen was appointed to Board of Registrars and Kathy Newman was reappointed to Martha's Vineyard Commission)

The Board voted unanimously to affirm the appointment of Cathy Olsen to the Aquinnah Board of Registrars on the recommendation of the Town Clerk. They also unanimously voted to reappoint Kathy Newman to the MVC.

Roddy Land Donation

(Deferred discussion to allow for input from Conservation Commission)

Disposition of 2014 Ford Interceptor

(Voted to assign the car to the Fire Department)

Upon recommendation of the Police Chief the 2014 Ford Interceptor that has been replaced by a new police cruiser was voted to be turned over to the Fire Department to replace the 2010 Explorer, currently in use by the Fire Department, that has reached the end of its useful life.

Land Disposition Agreement

(Action Deferred)

There was discussion of the Land Disposition Agreement that had been submitted to the Select Board from the Island Housing Trust. The Town Administrator explained that after his review of the document he recommended that the Board, before signing, seek input from Town Counsel for assurance that the land remaining in Lots 170.1 and 170.2 could be used by the Town following disposition of the leased property. Town Administrator agreed to submit the documents to Atty. Rappaport for his review.

Coalition to Create a M.V. Housing Bank

(Voted to include warrant article at A.T.M. and defer action on possible ballot question)

Laura Silber made a presentation that pointed out changes that have been made to the proposed legislation to create a Housing Bank on M.V. Those changes were added to the proposed legislation after discussion with other Island towns. Following the discussion Tom Moved and Juli seconded a motion to place the amended warrant article on the ATM warrant and defer action on whether to have a ballot question at the town election until other towns had made their decision on that matter. The motion passed unanimously. Mike Hebert who serves on the Town

Homesite Committee suggested that the Town consider electronic voting that is used in Nantucket and other communities. Juli suggested purchasing clickers that would allow electronic tabulation.

Parking Regulations
(Voted 3 new regulations)

Recently appointed Parking Committee made three recommendations to the Board. The Board voted to adopt each of the regulations which are:

1. Acquire and install pay station at the main parking lot
2. Increase free parking at Aquinnah Circle to 90 minutes from one hour
3. Increase non-resident parking by adding additional striping to area near restroom

Julie moved and Gary seconded a motion to adopt the rules as presented. The vote was 2-0 with Tom abstaining as he is a member of the parking committee.

Other Business

Newly installed Tribal Council member Kevin Devine attended the meeting to express his hope that the Town and Tribe can reestablish a working relationship. Tom congratulated him on his election and expressed his excitement to work with Kevin on issues of mutual concern.

Chief Belain informed the Board that that his department would be sponsoring Brad Fielder and Zack Moreis as attendees at the Joint Base Cape Cod Police Training Academy. He also confirmed that the Shellfish Constables and Harbormaster will be required to complete training as required under the recently enacted Police Reform Act

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.