Meeting of the Aquinnah Select Board February 14, 2022

Minutes

The meeting was held in person in Select Board meeting room

Attending: Gary Haley, Tom Murphy, Juli Vanderhoop Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator), Paul Manning, Megan Gombos, Mitzi Pratt, Alexandra Taylor, Isaac Taylor, Kathy Newman, Mara Dunkan

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

Minutes

(Approved minutes of January 18, 2022)

Tom moved and Juli seconded a motion to approve the minutes of meeting held on January 18, 2022. The vote was 3-0 in favor of approving the minutes as written.

#9 Aquinnah Circle

(Deferred discussion to special meeting 2/22/2022)

Julie made a motion to postpone discussion on lease of #9 Aquinnah Circle because many residents who had privately expressed their desire to be heard on the proposed actions were unable to attend the meeting. Mitzi Pratt who had attended the meeting to deliver the ACDC recommendation to the Select Board agreed that if there was opposition to the ACDC action the opponents should be given an opportunity to be heard. Tom asked that we listen to advocates for the ACDC position as they were in the room. Ultimately, the Board voted to defer discussion to a meeting to be held on February 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Climate Action Committee

(Board agreed to allow a Zoom meeting at a date to be determined) Kathy Newman and Megan Gombos made a presentation to the Board. During the presentation they requested permission to ask the Town Administrator to schedule a Zoom session that will request that representatives from Town boards participate to continue efforts of the Climate Action Committee. The Board and the Town Administrator agreed to set up a meeting sometime between March 21 and April 1.

Shellfish Committee Discussion (Deferred action)

Referendum Question on Town Election Ballot (Agreed to place a ballot question on Spring ballot)

Mara Duncan presented a petition to the Board requesting that a ballot question be included on the Annual Town Election Ballot in May. The petition, signed by 11 registered voters as certified by the Aquinnah Town Clerk seeks to employ all means available to ensure that no radioactive water is discharged into Cape Cod Bay during the decommissioning of the Plymouth Nuclear Power Plant. Selectmen agreed to instruct Town Clerk to include the question on the ballot as requested.

Correspondence:

Information brochure sent by Mike Hebert on electronic voting machines was distributed

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.