

# AQUINNAH SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

## MINUTES

April 26, 2023

**QUORUM BEING PRESENT, THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO  
ORDER AT 7:16PM**

**63 PRESENT**

Moderator Michael Hebert asked all who were able to join him in standing for a moment of silence to honor those who were not with us anymore.

All articles and amendments motioned to the floor and 2<sup>nd</sup> by the Select Board

**TOWN OF AQUINNAH**

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

County of Dukes County, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Aquinnah

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Aquinnah who are qualified to vote in the election and town affairs to meet at the Aquinnah Town Hall in said Town on the Twenty-sixth day of April, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. then and there to act upon the articles of this Warrant.

Certified: True Copy  
Gabriella Camilleri  
Aquinnah Town Clerk

*Gabriella Camilleri*

## ARTICLE ONE: AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF THE REGIONAL AGREEMENT FOR MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To determine whether the Town will vote to accept and approve the amendment and restatement of the Regional Agreement for the Martha's Vineyard Regional School District which was initiated and approved by a vote of the School Committee for the Martha's Vineyard Regional School District on September 1, 2022, and which has been submitted as an amended and restated "Regional Agreement for Martha's Vineyard Regional School District" to the Town Clerks of each Member Town, consistent with Section XIII of the existing Regional Agreement, titled "REGIONAL AGREEMENT Martha's Vineyard Regional High School"; or take any action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** The School Committee for the District has proposed an amendment and restatement of the District's Regional Agreement to supersede the original 1954 regional agreement and all other amendments to the original agreement and which will reflect and comply with changes in applicable law. This amendment and restatement of the Regional Agreement will take effect only if all six member towns accept and approve the amendment and restatement at their respective Town Meetings and only upon approval by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A copy of the full text of the amendment and restatement of the Regional Agreement is available from the Town Clerk and also will be available at Town Meeting.

ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM:      YES 59 – NO 4 - PASSED



ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$2,000,000 borrowing authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Martha's Vineyard Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study relating to the possible replacement or reconstruction of the District High School, located at 100 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, in Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts, including all costs incidental and related thereto, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, or to take any other action relative thereto. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Study costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member towns. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Study shall be as set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM:        YES 55 – NO 7 - PASSED

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes to the Aquinnah Personnel By-law: 1. Add Juneteenth and Cranberry Day to the list of approved Town holidays; and 2. Change the designation of "Columbus Day" to "Indigenous Peoples Day," or take any other action relative thereto.

ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM: YES 57 – NO 3 - PASSED

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to request that the Planning Board take the necessary steps to propose amendments to the Town Zoning By-law governing the use of town owned properties, including procedures for relief or variance from the Town's regulations, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion Made to Postpone indefinitely. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM: YES 49 – NO 4 – ABS 3 - PASSED

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to request that the Planning Board to take the necessary steps to amend Sect 3.3-5 of the Zoning By-law, and any other related Sections, to provide exemption of approved Auxiliary Apartments from current rental limitations and to allow residents to rent their Apartments at market rates, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion Made to Postpone indefinitely. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM: YES 43 – NO 8 – ABS 3 - PASSED

Motion made to dissolve the meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned: 7:48pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Gabriella Camilleri*

Gabriella Camilleri, Aquinnah Town Clerk

Certified:

*True Copy*

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Aquinnah Town Clerk

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