

**AQUINNAH SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2020**

QUORUM BEING PRESENT, MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:05 PM

**15 PRESENT
(QUORUM REDUCED FROM 10% OF VOTERS TO 10 VOTERS TOTAL)**

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) for engineering, planning and design of renovations and additions to the Town Hall and Town Offices, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE ONE PASSED – UNANIMOUS

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to construct a shed for the Harbormaster at West Basin, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE TWO PASSED - UNANIMOUS

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$4,873.00) to pay the town's Share of the Up-Island Regional School district's roofing design project at the West Tisbury School providing for an Owner's Project manager, designer fees, and any costs incidental and relative thereto. Provided, however, the other two member Towns of the District approve their share of the total project costs of Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$69,316.00).

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE THREE PASSED - UNANIMOUS

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty-One Thousand Four Hundred Eight-Nine Dollars and Eight-Nine Cents (\$21,489.89) to pay the following bills for prior year's accounts that were not received before closing FY 2019 accounts:

1. One Thousand One Hundred Four Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$1,104.43) for materials related to repairs to the vestibule at the Town Hall;
2. One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$1,532.39) for repairs to the Harbormaster's boat;
3. Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Forty-Four Cents (\$3,248.44) for miscellaneous charges to Visa account;
4. Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$2,440.11) to MWV Multi-Media Services to cover expert witness fees.
5. Three Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$324.85) to Marcello Meyer for repairs to irrigation system at the Lighthouse;

6. One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) to Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering for services related to survey of land at Library;
7. Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,800.00) to CAI Technologies for services related to on-line Web GIS support;
8. Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and One Cent (\$4,378.01) to the M.V. Refuse Disposal & Resource Recovery District for transport of trash to SEMASS; and,
9. Four Thousand Ninety-One Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$4,091.66) to Regional Resource Group, Inc. for Assessing Services.

(Requires 9/10 vote) Recommended by the Finance Committee

MOTION MADE TO AMEND YEAR IN ARTICLE FOUR FROM 2019 TO 2020.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty-One Thousand Four Hundred Eight-Nine Dollars and Eight-Nine Cents (\$21,489.89) to pay the following bills for prior year's accounts that were not received before closing **CHANGE FY 2019 TO 2020 accounts:**

SECONDED

VOICE VOTE: AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE FOUR PASSES – UNANIMOUSLY

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE FOUR PASSED - UNANIMOUS

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for engineering, planning and design of new restrooms at Aquinnah Circle, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE FIVE PASSED - UNANIMOUS

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following aspirational goal in response to the developing climate change crisis: To

- Reduce fossil fuel use on the Island (from a 2018 baseline):
 - o 50% by 2030
 - o 100% by 2040;
- Increase the fraction of the island's electricity use that is renewable:
 - o To 50% by 2030
 - o To 100% by 2040; and
- Foster biosphere carbon capture through:
 - o Adoption of regenerative agriculture and landscaping
 - o Protection and expansion of wetlands
 - o Preservation of woodland resources;

and further, to request that the Town Climate and Energy Committee annually monitor progress toward the achievement of these goals.

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE SIX PASSED - UNANIMOUS

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Ten Thousand Seventy Five Dollars (\$10,075.00) to defray expenses of Crosswater Landscape, Inc. for services provided in connection with construction of the picnic area at the Cliffs, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE SEVEN PASSED - UNANIMOUS

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to lay out and install a parking surface at the Town Library and repair surface of the parking area at Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE EIGHT PASSED - UNANIMOUS

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$19,198.32) to pay for leases of town vehicles, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE NINE PASSED - UNANIMOUS

Article 10: To see if the town will transfer from available funds the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) for the purpose of employing a grant writer/manager for the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE TEN PASSED - UNANIMOUS

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty Four Thousand One Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$24,119.00) to defray cleaning expenses at the Restrooms at the Cliffs, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE ELEVEN PASSED - UNANIMOUS

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies, from current Community Preservation Undesignated Fund, for the undertaking of the following **Open Space, Recreation, Historic Preservation, and Community Housing** efforts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) for initial survey and pre-development costs related to Playground, Food Forest, and Affordable Housing on the Town Center property per planning recommendations developed by the Conway School; and,

Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) for continued site planning related to the interior of Aquinnah Circle including, but not limited to the siting of a public bathroom building and of pathways within the circle area; and,

Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the ongoing restoration of the Edwin Devries Vanderhoop Homestead, or take any other action thereto.

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE TWELVE PASSED - UNANIMOUS

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

2ND.MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Gabriella Camilleri

Town Clerk