

**AQUINNAH SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2019**

**QUORUM BEING PRESENT, THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 PM
41 PRESENT**

Moderator Michael Hebert asked for all who were able to stand for a moment of silence for all those who are currently serving our country and are in harm's way.

All articles and amendments motioned to the floor and 2nd by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE ONE:

Re: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to use monies in the amount of Sixty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$64,800.00) from funds previously appropriated under the Aquinnah Community Preservation Fund for recreation purposes, to make improvements to the vacant land identified as parcel 21.1 on Aquinnah Assessors Map 6, consisting of 2.0 acres, more or less, known as the Gay Head Cliffs Lookout , and said land to be maintained by the Town of Aquinnah under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 45, Section 3, and as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts statutes relating to recreation, to be managed and controlled the Park and Recreation Committee of Town of Aquinnah; and the Town Administrator to file on behalf of the Town of Aquinnah any and all applications deemed necessary under the PARC Grant Program as offered by the Division of Conservation Services and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article; and finally, to authorize the Town of Aquinnah and the Park and Recreation Commission to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary for said improvements.

MOTION MADE TO CHANGE THE WORD COMMISSION TO COMMITTEE IN ALL PARTS OF ARTICLE ONE WHERE IS SAYS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

2ND.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSED - UNANIMOUS

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE ONE AS AMENDED - PASSED - UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE TWO:

Re: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Forty Six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000.00) to replace one of the existing trucks used by the Town Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION MADE TO ADD "TO BUY OR LEASE" TO ARTICLE TWO.

2ND.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSED - UNANIMOUS

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE TWO AS AMENDED - PASSED - UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE THREE:

Re: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000.00) to upgrade replace and upgrade computers in the Town Offices, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE THREE - PASSED - UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE FOUR:

Re: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00) to fund the cost of leasing a vehicle kept in Falmouth for use by Town personnel while traveling on Town business.

SELECTMEN WITHDREW ARTICLE FOUR

ARTICLE FIVE:

Re: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for plans related to construction of a Town Maintenance Department Building to be located at the Town Landfill, or take any other action relative thereto.

SELECTMEN WITHDREW ARTICLE FIVE

ARTICLE SIX:

Re: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to construct and install an audio system for the Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto.

SELECTMEN WITHDREW ARTICLE SIX

ARTICLE SEVEN:

Re: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to develop plans for, and construct, a shed for the Shellfish Constable/Harbormaster at West Basin, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION MADE TO CHANGE THE AMOUNT TO \$5,000.00 FROM \$10,000.00.

2ND.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSED - UNANIMOUS

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE SEVEN AS AMENDED - PASSED - UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE EIGHT:

Re: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for design and construction of sun/weather protection at the Gay Head Lighthouse, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION MADE TO CHANGE THE AMOUNT TO \$10,000.00 FROM \$20,000.00.

2ND.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSED - UNANIMOUS

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE EIGHT AS AMENDED - PASSED - UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE NINE: 2/3 VOTE NEEDED

Re: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to take the necessary steps required under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B to sell property identified on Assessors Map 5, Parcel 59 consisting of 3.6 acres, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION MADE TO POSTPONE DECISION ON ARTICLE NINE UNTIL THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON MAY 14, 2019.

2ND.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSED – ONE OBJECTION

ARTICLE TEN: 2/3 VOTE NEEDED

Re: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies, from previously reserved Community Preservation revenues, for the undertaking of the following Community Housing effort, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

Forty Two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00) from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve for expenses related to the purchase of an 8.5% ownership interest in a 3.8 acre parcel of developable property described as Assessor's Map 11, Parcel 14, already partially owned by the Town of Aquinnah, for the purpose of creating permanently affordable housing in the Town of Aquinnah, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE TEN - PASSED - UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE ELEVEN:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to fund grant writing services, or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at the Schoolhouse/Library and Town Hall in said Town at least fourteen days prior to time of said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE ELEVEN - PASSED - UNANIMOUS

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

2ND

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:04 pm

SECOND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING BEGAN AT 8:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted

**Gabriella Camilleri
Town Clerk**