

Aquinnah Select Board Meeting
Minutes

02/20/2024 Meeting was a result of postponement of 2/13/24 scheduled meeting

Attending: Tom Murphy (Chair), Julianne Vanderhoop, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator), Bill Lake, Nonie Madison; Gary Haley (absent),

Call to Order at 5:00 p.m. by Tom Murphy, Chairman

Minutes

(Accepted minutes of January 30, 2024)

Madison-Lake Meeting

(Indicated support for the proposed grant application)

Bill Lake made gave an update on a proposed Municipal Vulnerability Grant Application (MVP) that he, representing the Aquinnah Climate Action Committee, and Nonie Madison, representing the Aquinnah Land Initiative, are putting together. The grant would restore Wampanoag lands, currently owned by Aquinnah Land Initiative, to Wampanoag ownership. It would also fund studies of water percolation through the face of the cliffs causing increased erosion. Nonie asked the Board for support of the grant application. Tom commented that the Cliffs are truly the “face of the Vineyard. Every ad enticing prospective visitors to the Island contains pictures of the Lighthouse and face of the Cliffs.”

Following the discussion Julie presented a motion to support the grant application. Tom seconded the motion. Motion was voted.

Building Permit Waiver

(Voted waiver of permit fee to One Thousand Dollars)

Building Inspector presented an application for waiver of permit fees by Wampanoag Tribe to build a duplex on Map 9, Lot 182. Julie made a motion to reduce the application fee to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Tom seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Bailey Boyd Grant Application

(Voted to participate in program and deliver a letter of support)

Cassie Boyd Marsh, of Bailey Boyd Associates, Inc., submitted a memorandum of support for participation of a regional CDBG grant application. Town Administrator explained that this a long-standing program that the Town has been a participant. It provides monies for income-qualified homeowners to get monies for home repairs. Julie motioned that the Town should support the grant application by signing the memorandum. Tom seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Tom Murphy, as Chairman, signed the memorandum.

Small Town Administrator (STAM) letter

(Authorized Town Administrator to send notice of support of legislative priorities)

Budget Update
(deferred)

Jaws Celebration

(Authorized Town Administrator to contact Michael Cochrane)

Town Administrator informed Board that he had not had any communication from Michael Cochrane beyond emails included in the packet. Board instructed TA to contact Mr. Cochrane to arrange a teleconference to discuss his plans for the event.

Outermost Inn Liquor License

(Approved renewal of annual license without discussion)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.