

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 11/12/2010
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Camille Rose, Chairman, James Newman,
Also present: Adam Wilson, Town Administrator,
Town Accountant Marjorie Spitz, Fire Chief Walter Delaney

The meeting began at 9:25 am.

The Board meeting was to review the warrant prior to sending it off to town counsel for review and to then have it ready for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for November 30th.

-The 1st article dealt with temporary disability compensation for town employees. There was discussion who qualifies and liability limitations. Concerns were raised as to how it gets put into a line item created for reserve transfers.

By consensus the Board approved the 1st article.

-The 2nd article is another appropriation article raising \$5,100 to replenish the FY '11 reserve fund. There was discussion on payments already made and how the money comes into the fund and then distributed.

By consensus the Board approved the 2nd article.

-The 3rd article asks for raising \$2,600 for fire truck repairs. There was discussion on raising and appropriating from the general fund but seeking reimbursement from the fire department's budgeted line item for truck maintenance. There was discussion on the tax recap and if the \$40K in available funds will cover everything.

By consensus the Board approved the 3rd article.

The next proposed article for unfunded retirement health benefits was removed and would be put on the annual warrant instead.

The 4th article asks to raise and appropriate \$3,164 to fund 1/3rd of the share of prior fiscal bills for Tri Town Ambulance. There was discussion on the mandate to have paramedics 24 hours and other causes that have increased billing by the ambulance department.

By consensus the Board approved the 4th article.

The 5th article establishes a tax amnesty program for property taxes beginning November 30th and ending June 30th. There was discussion on the different types of amnesty benefits and if the waiver % can be amended on the town floor.

By consensus the Board approved the 5th Article.

The 6th article was for the town to pay its share of the island wide bill to be represented by counsel during the cable public network tv negotiations. The cost will be no more than \$4,000.

By consensus the Board approved the 6th Article.

The 7th article is an appropriation for \$7K to purchase a new generator for the town offices. There was discussion on what part of the town hall the generator will run.

By consensus the Board approved the 7th article.

Articles 8, 9 & 10 were all briefly reviewed. There was discussion on the appropriate language the Community Preservation and Affordable Housing committees had used for land purchases and sales according to towns lawyer's recommendations.

By consensus the Board approved all three articles.

There was discussion on the revenue from the sale of 45 State Rd. coming into the general fund to pay for various expenses, especially the cost to clarify clear title.

-Adam showed the Board an e-mail he received from Roxanne Ackerman he had gotten after the 11/9 selectmen's meeting. Jim and Camille read the correspondence.

The meeting adjourned @ 10:07 am