

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting 10/02/2012  
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Spencer Booker, Chairman, Beverly Wright

Also present: Adam Wilson, Town Administrator; Sgt Paul Manning

The meeting began at 5:30 pm

-1<sup>st</sup> on the agenda was a review of minutes from the 9-4 Selectmen's meeting. Adam pointed out he had made changes to the draft when Simon met with the Board to discuss the Fire Chief's role with the Tribe.

Beverly made a motion to accept the minutes as ammended. Spencer seconded.

**The Board voted 2 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.**

-Next on the agenda was the public hearing for the Town's Community Development Strategy. Spencer read the public hearing notice. Adam gave background of the 2 million dollars available in state funds to cities and towns for housing rehab projects and child care financial assistance for working families provided they have updated their community plan. He explained how Oak Bluffs & Edgartown get the funds and then network the money to the other island communities.

-The Board looked at the proposed plan. Beverly said she only had a concern that on the last page of the document there was language that the Town will complete a bicycle path system with Chilmark and West Tisbury. She was unaware that there was even a plan in place to build bike paths in Aquinnah. Spencer and Beverly agreed to amend the document so that it states the Town will begin planning of a system. Spencer also read an e-mail from Chairman of the CPC Derrill Bazy asking that the under "Development Priorities" #5 to add, "**and to continue coordinating programs with the Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Housing Authority (AWTHA).**" The board agreed to make the change.

Beverly made a motion to approve the 2013 Aquinnah Community Development Strategy as amended. Spencer seconded.

**The Board voted 2 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.**

-Next on the agenda was the Town Administrator's report. Adam updated the Board on the warrant. He stated the last day for Departments to submit articles is Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. He also said the Planning Board has decided not to submit articles relating to changes in the by-laws. Beverly said the CPC is meeting Wednesday Evening to discuss articles they'd like to present to the voters at the 11-15 Special.

-Adam presented a Memorandum of Understanding from the County to 9 different entities, Aquinnah being one of them, to share the cost of a new 3 year agreement for the GIS Software used by both the Assessor and the Police Department. He explained that everyone pays \$3,000 each and the cost is already budgeted in this fiscal year.  
Spencer signed the MOU.

-Adam said he has finished the letter going to the Tribe about the poison ivy issue at the Circle Head and published on the web site the committee openings the Town has for Affordable Housing and Finance. These were follow up actions from the 9-18 meeting.

-There was discussion about other meetings with the Tribe that haven't been set up yet.

-Adam showed a report from Judy of the revenue received from the parking lot from June to September. The report showed the parking lot made \$1,300 more in revenue from the previous summer.

-Under Selectmen's other business, Beverly asked that in following up from the meeting with the cliff shop owners each of the Selectmen could take an improvement item and follow up on it. Adam said he'd draft the list of proposed actions for Board Members to consider at the next meeting.

-Adam handed Spencer an e-mail from Shellfish Committee Chairman Buddy Vanderhoop that the Shellfish Committee had voted unanimously to recommend the Menemsha Pond be open for family scalloping permits within a 24 hour posting notice.

Beverly made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Shellfish Committee to open the pond to family scalloping. Spencer seconded.

**The Board voted 2 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.**

Beverly made a motion to adjourn. Spencer seconded.

**The Board voted 2 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.**

The meeting ended at 6:00 pm