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Aquinnah Board of Selectmen and Summer Residents Meeting of August 7, 2012

Meeting took place in the Aquinnah Old Town Hall building to accommodate attendance of the Towns summer residences.

Members present: Beverly Wright and Spencer Booker
Jim Newman was absent

Also present: Adam Wilson Town Administrator, Angela Cywinski Town Assessor, Sibel Suman Aquinnah Community Review Board Administrative Assistant, Jay These Aquinnah resident and nominee for the All Island School Contract Negotiating Committee and Remy Tumin journalist for the Martha's Vineyard Gazette.

20 other seasonal/year round Aquinnah residents were also in attendance.

Spencer called the meeting to order at 7pm

Beverly made a motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2012 as written, Spencer seconded, **Motion passed.** Spencer read a letter from the Superintendent of Schools Dr. James Weiss requesting the BOS to appoint an Aquinnah resident to the All Island School Committee Negotiation Committee. Spencer continued to state how he appreciated Jay These volunteering his time for this position.

Beverly made a motion to appoint Jay These to the All Island School Committee Negotiation Committee, Spencer seconded, **Motion passed.**

Jay thanked the Board of Selectmen and stated that he will work hard to ensure that decisions will be made in the best interest of the Town.

Spencer welcomed the residents in attendance and gave an update on the Towns accomplishments and personnel changes. A slide show of the Towns various areas were shown. The passing of long time Town employee Amanda Hutchinson was acknowledged.

1. Town Hall received an upgrade with new floors
2. Town won a federal court case involving beach access rights.
3. Gary Robinson: Emergency Director
4. Maria Maccfarlan: Tax Title Associate
5. Julie Seirepetoswki: Board Of Health
6. Sibel Suman: Community Review Board Administrative Assistant.

Town approved a 50 Kil. Solar System with an option to purchase at the end of a 10 year lease.

The DAS system is in place with 4 nodes in place. 2 additional nodes will be added to increase coverage.

At this time the Selectmen encouraged the residents to bring up topics for discussion.

Nearest legal parking entrance to squibnocket was questioned. Resident parking stickers are required Alcohol Regulations: Town will only grant wine and beer license to restaurants that offer a certain number of seating such as the Aquinnah Shop and the Outer Most Inn. No lit signs or BYOB is allowed.

Residents asked what the Towns top 2 priorities were. Beverly responded with the following:

1. Financial Stability, which is being achieved.
2. Light House is in danger of beach erosion and possible closure: Town would like to purchase the Light House and continue to have the MV Museum manage it.

Many residents expressed their appreciation for the Town to hold a meeting for the seasonal community. after some discussion the following recommendations were made:

2 meetings should be held in Summer, 1 in July and 1 in August, with an announcement in the papers and Town website. A list of emails for property owners could also be used. Residents on Tribal land should be invited as well.

At this time one resident questioned the interaction between the Tribe and the Town and voiced concern over the fact that the Tribe had not come to the Town to discuss their intention to build casino facilities. Other residents and members of the Town staff explained that at this juncture in planning the gambling topic is a state issue and not a town issue. The Tribe would in the future have to come to the Town for a change of use permit for the community building. Spencer stated that the Tribe and Town work very well together. Beverly added that the Tribe and Town run on separate lines unless there is a legal line crossed.

Some of the final topics that were discussed involved the need of finding more land for beach parking. Recreating the harbor by adding a floating dock and increase parking.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully Submitted Sibel Suman

