

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting 4/30/2013  
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Spencer Booker, Chairman, Jim Newman, Beverly Wright (via conference phone)  
Also present: Adam Wilson, Town Administrator, Len Butler

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am.

-Spencer asked that the Board move 1<sup>st</sup> to the issue of reorganizing the Lighthouse Committee

-Beverly made a motion for the Selectmen to take over the chairmanship of the GHLAC. Jim seconded.

In the discussion Jim said the BOS should become the coordinators of the project since there are already two subcommittees with different chairman. Beverly said that while the Selectmen would not be available to discuss how the Chairmanship would work until we meet again; Adam could be the person to take the information and e-mail to BOS until the next meeting Jim said that there has to be a concern not to give more work to the town administrator. Len said there are already many actions in place with the lighthouse move going forward. He told the Selectmen he was in favor of this being a community effort but it's not turning out that way. He objects to disbanding the central committee if that is what the Selectmen were thinking. He still favors the subcommittees making recommendations to the full committee which can have their own input and then go to the selectmen. He doesn't want Selectpersons to have preconceived notions as to how the project will turn out.

Jim said the Selectmen don't have enough of a pulse as to what's going on. He wants a more complete understanding of everything that's being thought of and/or proposed.

Beverly said she wants to have more of an opinion as to what's being recommended from every committee.

The Selectmen discussed how they would take turns overseeing the committees' meetings and actions. Spencer said he's concerned about what the Coast Guard is going to do. There was discussion about how the two tasks (building move and fundraising) have broken off into subcommittee work.

Len said to keep the subcommittees but also to keep the whole advisory committee as well.

Beverly talked about a meeting she had with Elise on the ferry a while back and the actions she told Beverly the committee was taking and then finding the whole report being contradicted by other members of the main committee. There was discussion about the apparent disharmony among committee members.

**The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor of Beverly's motion. The motion passed.**

-Next on the agenda was a review of the annual town meeting warrant. Adam read an e-mail from Margie that the amount could be reduced from \$250K down to \$200K. The Board by consensus, agreed to go with the smaller amount. Board members wanted to change the language of the override question to say, "a portion of" the share of the Up-Island Regional School Assessment. The Board, by consensus, agreed to the rewording of the override question.

-Jim made a motion to accept the warrant as amended. Beverly seconded.

**The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.**

-Next on the agenda was the letter Adam drafted going to the Coast Guard requesting a meeting about the replacement of the lighthouse's sweeping light.

The Selectmen signed the letter.

-Spencer asked if there was any other business. Hearing none...

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

**The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.**

The meeting ended at 9:45 am.