

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 6/18/2013
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Beverly Wright, Chairman, Spencer Booker, Jim Newman

Also present: Adam Wilson, Town Administrator, Sgt Paul Manning, Chief Randhi Belain, Martha Vanderhoop, Cully Vanderhoop, Vern Welch, Carla Chuch, Adrianna Ignacio.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

-Under Old Business was a review of the minutes from 6-4. Adam said he made a few edits and corrections.

Spencer motioned to accept the minutes from June 4th. Jim seconded.

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

-Under New Business were the 2014 Town Hall reappointments for both the departments and committees.

Spencer made a motion to approve the reappointments as presented. Jim seconded.

In the discussion Jim asked what boards/committees R. Skidmore still represents. Jim said Woody Vanderhoop needs to be included as the BOH representative to the Land Bank Advisory Board.

Spencer amended his motion to include Woody. Jim seconded.

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

-There was discussion on whether or not Walter was still on the Conservation Commission. Adam said he spoke with Walter and that he has stepped down and is waiting on the official correspondence stating such.

-Next on the agenda was discussion about the 4th of July Parade. There was discussion about the need to get approval from the BOS. Randhi said there has been a parking issue last year using Philbin's lot. He said there will be temporary parking on Moshup's Trail but only to participate in the event.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to allow the 4th of July parade to occur on town roads and park areas for July 4th.

-Next on the agenda was a letter written from Paula Eisenberg requesting appointment to the Gay Head Lighthouse Advisory Committee. Beverly said Paula has set up the web site for the lighthouse and that it was going active at midnight.

-Jim made a motion to appoint Paula to the committee. Spencer seconded.

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

-Adam reported on the DPW Director's position and interviews to take place next week. He also reported that Jay is working on getting his summer assistant hired.

-The Board next met with the cliff shop owners. There was discussion about the recycling bin in place and about the possibility of having a second one. There was discussion about the location of trash barrels by the food establishments at the cliffs and the number of barrels available. Cully stated he would have a receptacle out when he begins to do take out. There was also discussion about appropriate placement of trash barrels by all the food establishments in clearly visible places.

The Board decided to have Jay bring up another barrel for trash.

-The shop owners asked if there can be a couple of cigarette canisters bought by the town for people to throw away their butts. Adam said he'd look into having it bought from the park & recreation budget.

-Adam talked with Cully about a complaint he's received that the soda machine lights are too bright at night and conflict with town light by-laws. Cully said he'd talk to Pepsi about getting the fluorescent lights turned off.

The Board decided not to increase the rent. Berta asked that Adam write a letter to the Tribe about poison ivy up at lookout.

-Next on the agenda was a report from Len Butler and the Gay Head Lighthouse Building Subcommittee. He reported that the Coast Guard has decided not to change out the sweeping beam light with an LED and will put a refurbished light instead. There was discussion about the old sweeping beacon going to the MV museum.

Len Butler asked that Adam write a letter to Coast Guard thanking them for changing their minds.

In Other Selectmen's Business, Beverly brought up the community solstice event Friday from 5 – 9pm. There will be music, raffle prizes and food.

-A letter was read by Beverly congratulating Christopher Manning on graduating from submarine school 2nd in his class.

-Adam reported that there is an individual who wants to donate a water fountain for the cliff area. There was discussion whether or not there can be a hook up and if there's potable water.

-Adam also reported that he's the Chairman of the MVC Housing Study Needs Assessment Group and the final presentation of the assessment report was Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Tisbury Senior Center.

-The Board took up a request letter from Nelson Sigelman requesting parking exemptions for fisherman in the West Basin area during the evening hours. Randhi and the Board discussed the parking areas in West Basin and Lobsterville but does parking have to be in effect 24 hours for residents only or can it have limited hours for fisherman. Berta said there are also paddle boarders who go in the morning for a class and several boarders are not from Aquinnah and worry about being ticketed.

Randhi said he can take down those signs that state 24 hours and have new signs saying residential parking from 9 – 5 pm.

-Randhi reported that in following up on the taser demonstration, he has now a draft policy for the Board's consideration. It will be reviewed at the next meeting.

-Beverly asked if there was anything else to report. Hearing none...

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

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

The meeting ended at 6:10 pm.