

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting 8/21/2013  
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

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

Also present: Adam Wilson, Town Administrator, Bret Stearns, Wampanoag Tribe Natural Resources Director

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

-1<sup>st</sup> on the agenda under old business was a review of minutes from 8/6.

Jim made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/6 as presented. Spencer seconded.

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

-1<sup>st</sup> item under new business was a discussion about Aquinnah having green community status. Jim said he'd like to pursue it because having the status would entitle the ability to obtain grants. There was discussion about how to achieve all five of the criteria to get the green status and can the town make its municipal vehicles "greener". Jim said he would see if anyone in the Aquinnah community would sign on as well since there had been interest in prior years.

By consensus the Board agreed to pursue Green Community Status. Jim said he would pursue it further

-Next on the agenda was a review of Town Counsel's letter to the Tribe detailing the actions the Town was preparing to take regarding the public safety agreement and lack of follow up communication between tribal officials and Simon Bollin, the fire chief. There was discussion about the government to government correspondence and how there hasn't been any from the Tribe and safety issues on their property.

The Board signed the letter. Adam said he'd have it hand delivered.

-Next on the agenda was a discussion was the scheduling of an October Special Town Meeting. Adam stated there will be a free cash report of \$200K and the town should think about how it can use the money for various capital improvement projects. The finance team reported that \$120K had not been spent in last year's budget and \$80K had been collected from prior year's unpaid taxes. There was discussion about the town voting to acquire the Claytor/Robbins parcel by the lighthouse and the recent proposal from Weinstein on Sandcastle Ln to buy land off of Lighthouse road for \$300K.

-The Board asked that the free cash be certified by the end of September.

-The Board, by consensus, agreed to schedule a fall special for Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> .

-Adam relayed a request from the GSA people to have a site visit and public meeting for the lighthouse acquisition on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The Board, by consensus, agreed to have the meeting at the Old Town Hall on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

-Adam gave an update on the SSA travel by town employees from last year and it's relevancy to having the soon to be retired police cruiser in the Palmer Lot. Adam believed that the town will save \$500 - \$600 dollars going with the town car in the Palmer Lot.

-Adam said the RFP is going out next week for the Lighthouse Geotechnical report and will be locally advertised as well as going into the state's central register.

-The Board took up the request from Cycle MV to have its fundraising event on October 6<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion about it being the same day as the Lighthouse 10K. It was determined that the event would not interfere with the road race.

Jim made a motion to give permission for the Cycle MV to have its Vineyard Cycle Tour event run through Aquinnah towns and roads on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Sepncer seconded.

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

-Jim brought up a request from the Planning Board Plan Review Committee to have a meeting with the Selectmen over the Menemsha Lot A/B Shed issue. The Board agreed to have the PBPRC meet with them at the next scheduled BOS Meeting Spetember 3<sup>rd</sup>.

-There was discussion about the Weinstein proposal for buying town owned land locked property and their offer being \$200K less than the assessed value that voters at a previous town meeting agreed to.

In Selectmen's Other Business Bret brought up the LUCAS CPR loan agreement with the Tribe. He said he thought he had the correct edited version and wanted to know if it could go back to the Tribal Chairwoman for sign off. There was discussion about the editing of language for the agreement. Bret said the Natural Resources Dept is now using them. Adam gave Bret the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph changes Ron (Rappaport) had written up. He said he would present the revised version to Cheryl. Everyone hoped for the best...

-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 6:40 pm.