

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 1/21/2014
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

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

Also present: Adam Wilson, Town Administrator; Vern Welch, Peter Graczykowski, Sgt Paul Manning, Chief Randhi Belain.

The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

-1st on the agenda under Old Business was a review of minutes from 1/7.

Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from January 7th, 2014. Spencer seconded.

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

-1st on the agenda under New Business was the appointment of Peter Graczykowski to the Treasurer's/Benefits Administrator position.

Jim made a motion to appoint Peter Graczykowski to the Treasurer's/Benefits Administrator position at 25 hours a week until June 30th, 2014. Spencer seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was the Board's vote to participate in the Edgartown Community Development Block Grant application.

Jim made a motion for the Town of Aquinnah to participate in the FY '14 joint CDBG application. Spencer seconded.

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

Beverly signed the application form

-Next on the agenda was the public hearing for NStar to put electrical wiring under Lighthouse Rd. Beverly read the public hearing notice and then opened the floor for comment. There was none.

Jim made a motion to close the public hearing. Spencer seconded.

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

Jim made a motion to grant the petition as presented for NStar to install approximately 75' of underground cable and conduit under Lighthouse Road for the Turnbell Residence. Spencer seconded.

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

The Board signed the petition form.

-Next on the Agenda was a change in the shellfish regulations. Adam reported that he had notified the Shellfish Committee of the proposed change in the section dealing with commercial scalloping which is as follows:

4.4.3 Per Shellfish Committee recommendation and Selectmen approval, the commercial limit shall be reviewed and established annually. *Any violation of the approved commercial limit shall, at a minimum, result in the loss of one struck bushel.*

Jim made a motion to approve the recommended change. Spencer seconded

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

-Next on the Agenda was a recommendation from the GH Lighthouse Relocation Committee and the full Lighthouse Committee to eliminate from consideration proposed site #2. Only Site #1 and #3 will go forward as recommended new sites for the lighthouse.

By consensus the Board agreed to the recommendation.

-Next on the agenda was the approval of Tri-Town's use of \$30K from its reserve fund to purchase a new chase/support vehicle.

Jim made a motion to approve the use of the \$30,000 from the Ambulance "Receipts Reserved For Appropriation" fund to purchase a new ambulance SUV. Spencer seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was approval of creating a revolving fund for cable related purposes. Adam explained that the Town has received a check from ComCast Cable for \$3,742.06 as a result of the recent cable television renewal with them and the provision the town had with Adelphia for PEG Access cablecasting which was never fully completed prior to Adelphia going bankrupt.

Jim made a motion made to approve the check and put it in a revolving fund for a large screen tv or cable related services with the Selectmen reserving the right to decide how the account and funds in it will be spent. Spencer seconded.

In the discussion, Board Members talked how the funds could be spent. It was thought that a large screen TV and cable service in the Town Hall could be the best use of funds. Different programming was talked about.

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

-In Selectmen's Other Business, there was discussion about setting up a meeting with the Tribe to wrap up the recommended changes in the Tribe-Town Public Safety Agreement. Adam to contact Tribe officials and arrange a meeting for safety officials and Tribe officials to approve the amended PSA.

-Beverly asked that the DPW Director Jay Smalley go forward in ordering the picnic tables and benches and to arrange for the site survey for the circle restroom pathway to be advertised. Both projects were both approved at the November Town Special Meeting. Adam said he'd contact Jay and have him follow up.

-Adam brought up the National Park Service Application and the desire to have in it a management plan that would have the Selectmen appoint a 3 member board that would take over the oversight of the lighthouse after the move is complete and the current committees disband. He said it would demonstrate to the federal review agencies that there will continue to be specific management oversight in the maintenance and preservation of the structure.

Jim made a motion to create a Lighthouse Maintenance Oversight Committee and that it would have 3 members whose appointments would be on an annual basis. Spencer seconded.

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

-Adam reported the RFP for the lighthouse move & restoration project was completed by the relocation committee's special counsel, Ropes & Gray, and was ready to advertise.

-Adam gave the Board an update on the Menemsha Pond dredging project being done by the Army Corp of Engineers and the meeting he had today with Tribe and Chilmark officials. He said the Chilmark Shellfish Committee's rep reported that committee does not want to go forward with the dredge project as proposed.

-Adam asked the Board to consider administratively closing Town Hall Wednesday because the projected storm called for blizzard conditions through most of the day.

The Board, by consensus agreed to close Town Hall for Wednesday, January 22nd.

-Beverly recognized Vern. He asked if there was any correspondence about the status of the shed on Lot A. There was discussion about what happened in the Act of '65 as a legislative action and there being no eminent taking by the town. Beverly stated that the Board is still waiting for an opinion from Town Counsel on the memo Principal Assessor Michael Stutz wrote about ownership of structures in Menemsha.

-Vern asked permission to use the dock. Beverly said the Board wants to wait until they hear from Attny Dan Perry. There was back and forth discussion on the different motions that have been filed in the lawsuit between Wendy and the Town.

Beverly asked Adam to let the Board know how much has been paid so far for legal services related to the Menemsha lease situation.

-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: 15 pm.