

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 10/07/2014
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Chairman Jim Newman, Julianne Vanderhoop, Spencer Booker
Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, MVC Economic Development Coordinator Christine Flynn, Library Director Lisa Sherman, Treasurer Peter Graczykowski, Con Com Chair Sarah Thulin, Gazette Reporter Alex Elvin.

The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

-1st on the agenda under Old Business was a review of minutes from 9/16

-Spencer made a motion to accept the minutes from September 16, 2014. Julianne seconded.

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

1st on the agenda under New Business was a meeting with MVC Economic Developer Christine Flynn and the Public Hearing for Aquinnah's Community Development Strategy and the CDBG Program. She explained how the program works and how the strategy adopted is part of the grant program that provides for rehabilitation building projects and assistance with work related day care funding. There was discussion about the community strategy and the minor changes made from previous years.

Jim opened the meeting for public comment. No one spoke on the matter.

Spencer made a motion to accept Aquinnah's Community Development Strategy as presented. Juli seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was the appointment of Sibel Suman as Administrative Assistant to the town's Affordable Housing Committee. Adam stated that the position had been advertised and Sibel was the only one who applied. He said she takes over for Town Clerk Carolyn Feltz, who was stepping aside from having the position as an additional responsibility in Town Hall.

Spencer made a motion to appoint Sibel Suman as Administrative Assistant to the Affordable Housing Committee.

The appointment was until June 30th, 2015. Juli seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was the appointment of Morgan Stanley – Kominers to the Library's Assistant position. Lisa spoke of the process she did and had several candidates interviewed. She said Morgan was the best fit for staff and the library's needs.

Spencer made a motion to appoint Morgan Stanley - Kominers as Library Assistant to the Aquinnah Library. The

appointment was until June 30th, 2015. Juli seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was the appointment of Sarah Thulin to the Land Bank Commission position to finish Carlos Montoya's term. Carlos Montoya resigned as Aquinnah's elected representative to the Commission.

Spencer made a motion to appoint Sarah Thulin as Aquinnah's representative to the Land Bank Commission. The

appointment was until May 13th, 2015. Juli seconded.

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

-Next on the Agenda was a meeting with Peter and the OBRA agreement. He requested the Selectmen to approve a policy to transfer seasonal employees into OBRA, which is a defined contribution plan which pays slightly higher than social security but can roll over for the employee

He said the changeover could save the town \$20K in payroll taxes each year. Peter said many municipalities already utilize OBRA. There is a fee of \$14.10 to participate and it is an "all in" plan. The SMART plan is 7%.

Full time employees pay 9 – 11%.

Spencer made a motion for the Town to enter into the OBRA agreement for seasonal employees. Juli seconded.
The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

Spencer made a motion to accept the contract for sanding and refinishing the floors. Juli seconded.
The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

Adam gave his update on town matters.

-The Library will be closed for three working days while the floors are redone.

-Family Scalloping season opened Oct. 1

-Lighthouse project manager interviews are this coming Thursday. 4 people applied.

-Full Gay Head Lighthouse meeting will be October 15th @ 4:30 pm

-Town officials met with the MVC's Land Use Planning Committee on the check list item of archeology for the lighthouse move. The LUPC voted not to concur that the lighthouse relocation project becomes a DRI.

-Fall Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 pm.

Spencer made a motion to go into Executive Session for the consideration of the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and to not reconvene in public session afterwards. Juli seconded.

The roll call vote was Jim (aye), Spencer (aye), and Juli (aye). The motion passed

The meeting ended at 5:56 pm.