

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 11/06/2014
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Chairman Jim Newman, Julianne Vanderhoop, Spencer Booker

Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson; DPW Director Jay Smalley, Treasurer Peter Graczykowski, Gazette Reporter Alex Elvin

The meeting began at 6:00 pm.

-1st on the agenda under Old Business was a review of minutes from 10-21

-Julianne made a motion to accept the minutes from October 21st, 2014. Spencer seconded.

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

-1st on the agenda under New Business was a meeting with Jay Smalley. He had a two year sanding contract in hand and stated that there were two bids. The low bid was from David Giles. There was discussion about David doing sanding for the 1st time for the town.

Spencer made a motion to approve the two year sanding contract to David Giles. Juli seconded.

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

Jim signed the sanding contract.

-Jay produced two more contracts to be signed for pest control. The contracts are for the library and police station plus part of Old Town Hall. He explained he had already contracted Griggs & Browne to do the work because of existing need.

Juli made a motion to approve the two pest control contracts. Spencer seconded.

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

Jim signed both contracts.

-Jay gave an update on the water well situation for the town campus. An inspection of the well used for Town Hall and the police station has become problematic to the point where the recommendation from the well driller is to utilize only one well. Jay said plans are in the works to install a new pipe and re-hook up every building to it.

-Under other business, Peter next met with the Board to talk about a change in his position from Treasurer – Benefits Administrator to Treasurer - Human Resources Director. He said the responsibilities will be a 70/30 split. Adam explained the new position will add 5 more hours and should be reclassified as a grade 8 position, which currently has no jobs posted in that category. Adam stated that the position needs to be elevated because HR is growing in municipal reporting and various protocols dealing with hiring, evaluation, discipline and retention.

-The Board took the proposed job description under advisement pending the outcome of a recommendation for the new position from the Personnel Committee

-In Other Business, Adam gave an update on the Town Meeting warrant. He said Article 3 can be withdrawn because there are funds in a prior year revolving account for the wiring inspectors that the past due invoices for David Schwab to be paid with. Peter gave an explanation of how the borrowing will work over 10 years should the Town decide to vote in favor of purchasing the Manning – Murray Property.

-There was discussion of how the payback will work, whether or not debt exclusion can be done in the Spring and how CPA funds can be used to offset the total borrowing.

-Jim asked if there was anything else to come before the Board. Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

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

-The meeting ended at 6:30 pm.