

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 12/09/2014
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Chairman Jim Newman, Julianne Vanderhoop.

Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, Treasure/HR Director Peter Graczykowski, Asst. Assessor Angela Cywinski, Accountant Kimberly Brown (Via conference phone).

The meeting began at 10:00 am.

-1st on the agenda under Old Business was a continuation of the public hearing for the tax reclassification postponed from December 2nd.

-Angela gave an update on the town budget being over the levy limit by \$101K. There was discussion about residential property values decreasing by 3% and as a result the rate per thousand assessed to go up to over \$5.00 to cover the value loss. She recommended the residential factor stay the same as last year.

Juli made a motion for the town to have a residential factor of one and to set the tax rate at \$5.18 per thousand valued. Jim seconded.

The board voted 2 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

-In Other Business, Peter talked about the projected deficits from property tax revenues, local receipts and a borrowing note that came term without being budgeted for. Adam talked about the local receipts being over because two payments from the Tribe's cliff lease were made from in the last fiscal year.

Kimberly talked about the numbers in the BAN note. There was discussion about an \$11K amount still available for renovations to the new town hall (for which the money was borrowed in the 1st place. Adam said the renovations were done and the remaining amount wasn't needed.

-There was discussion about covering the debt through different stabilization accounts. Kimberly suggested that it all come from general stabilization as one article.

The Board by consensus agreed.

-There was discussion about the budget cuts the different departments have made totaling almost half the deficit.

-Adam suggested that there be a 2nd warrant article that reduces the withdrawal from stabilization by the amount the various departments have been able to cut.

The Board by consensus agreed.

-Adam talked about having a special town meeting so a 2/3rd vote can be considered by town residents in order to reach the levy limit. He said the 1st week in January could be the soonest base on what needs to be put together for a special town meeting.

The Board took the town meeting proposal under advisement.

-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 11:00 am.