

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 12/16/2014
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Chairman Jim Newman, Julianne Vanderhoop, Spencer Booker
Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, Emergency Mgt Director Gary Robinson, ACE Representative Sam Hart, Green Communities Coordinator Barbara Conroy, Fire Chief Simon Bollin, Sgt Paul Manning, DPW Director Jay Smalley.

The meeting began at 5:32 pm.

-1st on the agenda under Old Business was a review of the minutes from the 12/2 and 12/9 meetings.

Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes from December 2nd. Juli seconded.

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

Juli made a motion to approve the minutes from December 9th. Jim seconded.

The Board voted 2 – 0 - 1 in favor. The motion passed.

-1st on the agenda under New Business was a meeting with Sam Hart from the Adult Community Education (ACE) cooperative. He updated the program's status. ACE received \$90K for last year's contract with the All Island School Committee which was assessed to all the towns. He is part of the professional staff hired with the contract and he is the Executive Director. Going forward ACE will be doing a needs assessment, looking into the community with a February survey to find out what are the needs. In the data already gathered there are now more certificate courses for Islanders. He described some of the certificates being offered: fertilizer safety course; pesticide mgt for preventative by-laws going into effect in January; and continuing education credits for ongoing degree seeking individuals. ACE will also offer certified food safety courses in order to pass the test. ACE is working with SCORE (Service Corp of Retired Executives) to provide more offerings in professional development.

-Sam said that grants and personal donations for the program have doubled from last year. They are working on a 2016 budget. There was discussion about how business owners can benefit more having information about how pesticide containment involving ticks and mosquitoes can be more properly identified. There was discussion about having a shuttle service available to CCCC for examinations in pest mgt.

-Sam talked about the proposed warrant article for next year's budget being reduced from the previous year. The budget is for two program directors and an administrative support person.

-Next on the agenda was a meeting with Barbara Conroy, who has been working on establishing Aquinnah as a green community. She said she will meet with Seth Pickering from the DOER (Dept. of Environmental Resources), and will have questions answered for the different criteria in order for the town to become green. One of the criteria to become a green community is for the town to have a bylaw so there can be a town owned are allowing a 250 Kw solar array system. There was discussion about having an acre designated to establish this solar array.

-There was discussion about the one already established at the town landfill. Barbara said the by-laws have to have an "as of right" siting for the array but it is only a designation, the area doesn't necessarily have to be developed, just available should a developer come along.

-The 2nd criterion calls for expedient permitting if there's interest in building this sized array at the designated site and that permitting can occur within one year.

-Barbara went on to the 3rd criteria which is to establish an energy base line for the municipality's energy use and then engage the town in an energy reduction program of 20% over five years.

-The 4th criteria is a vehicle energy replacement policy. Those replaced have to be energy efficient and have minimum MPG requirements. She clarified that the policy is for administrative vehicles only; public safety vehicles are exempt. The Selectmen need to adopt a replacement policy that states that vehicle replacement will occur with another vehicle that runs at a minimum of 24 MPG.

-Spencer asked about a Land Bank property as the public land that could be designated for the 250 Kw solar array.
-The 5th Criteria is adoption of the stretch building code that the town needs to amend in its zoning by-laws.
-Barbara said she has written the vehicle policy. She needs more info on the Vanderhoop Homestead that can go into the energy reduction profile. She said the benefit of getting the Green Community Designation is that it gives each town a minimum of \$125K in grants to do repairs and energy efficient upgrades.
-Jay asked about street light replacement and how that gets done through Cape Light Compact.
Jim asked Joannie from MVTV to have a copy of the meeting with Barbara so as to present it to planning board members.

-Next on the agenda was the Selectmen's formation of the Historic Buildings Committee. Adam said this committee will have oversight of not only the Lighthouse but also the Homestead, Library and Old Town Hall. Jim read the personnel make-up for the committee. They include representatives from: The Tribe, MV Museum, Aquinnah Cultural Center, public library and a town resident. Adam said he would contact the various entities to ask for names for the BOS to consider.
There was discussion on various reps having input in the different resources.

-Next on the agenda was the re-appointment of Kathy Newman to the Martha's Vineyard Commission. Juli made a motion to reappoint Kathy as the selectmen's representative to the MVC for 2014 - 15 Spencer seconded.
The Board voted 2 – 0 -1 in favor. The motion passed.

-Next on the agenda was the Board's agreement to extend the contract for Tiffany Smalley as the Project Assistant for the Gay Head Lighthouse Subcommittee for fundraising.
Spencer made a motion to extend the contract to Tiffany Smalley to June 30th, 2015 and add \$5K to the contract to cover the time frame and salary until that time. The funds will come from the Lighthouse Gift Fund. Juli seconded.
The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

-Next on the agenda was the sign off for the warrant for the Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, January 7th at 7:00 pm.
Spencer made a motion to approve the 3 article warrant as presented, Juli seconded.
-In the discussion Jim pointed out that the budget reductions in the 2nd article by the departments are only for this year and will be needed again next year. Adam talked about the 3rd article taking certified free cash and putting it into the reserve fund.
The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

In Other Business, Adam requested that Town Hall be administratively closed on December 26th.
Juli made a motion to have Town Hall administratively closed Friday, December 26th, Spencer seconded.
The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

-Adam reconfirmed that the Selectmen have agreed to meet on Wednesday's beginning in January for at least 4 months while he takes the certified EMT class Tuesday and Thursday nights. The Selectmen agreed.

-The Board reviewed the ABCC renewal application for the restaurants that serve liquor in Aquinnah. There were no liquor violations or non-renewals to report to the state agency. The Board members signed the document.
Adam produced payroll transfer approval documents and reserve funds that the Board approved at their 12-9 meeting. He explained that the Board had to rescind the approval because line item transfers can't be done in the middle of a budgeted fiscal year. The reserve fund request would also be rescinded as the funds are now tied in to the 3rd article on the warrant.

Jim made a motion to rescind the 3 line item transfers and reserve fund transfer approved by the Board at the December 9th meeting, Juli seconded.

The Board voted 2 – 0 - 1 in favor. The motion passed.

-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.