

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 3/04/2014
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Vice Chairman Jim Newman, Spencer Booker.

Also present: Adam Wilson, Fire Chief Simon Bollin, DPW Director Jay Smalley, Police Chief Randhi Belain, Sgt Paul Manning, Treasurer Peter Graczykowski, V. Gazette Reporter Remy Tumin

The meeting began at 5:34 pm.

-1st on the agenda under old business was a review of minutes from 2/18.

Spencer made a motion to accept the minutes from February 18th, 2014 Jim seconded.

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

-1st on the agenda under New Business was the appointment of Kimberly Brown as the new Town Accountant.

Spencer made a motion to appoint Kimberly Brown to the Town Accountant's position until June 30th, 2014. Jim seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was the request from the Town Administrator to amend his personal services contract to have an additional weeks' vacation. Adam explained that the contract is 5 years and he's already worked 3 and that he's had three performance reviews showing the very good work he has done. Adam said that the contract doesn't allow him to have a 3rd weeks' vacation until after 5 years. He would like a 3rd week added beginning July 1, 2014. There was discussion about Adam having a compensated week instead for all the work he's done for the NPS Application.

-Adam said the request is based on the performance reviews, not for recent work. He said the additional 5 days is allowed because his PSC is exempt from the Personnel By-Laws.

Spencer made a motion to amend Adam's personal services contract to have 15 days vacation beginning July 1, 2014. Jim seconded.

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

Next on the Agenda was a review of the regional assessments coming to the town for FY '15. Peter handed out a spreadsheet showing that overall assessments are down from last year by \$34,338 due mainly to a decrease of \$74K from the Up Island Regional School District. Peter said VTA's assessment was not included.

-Jim commented that the MVC Assessment that's 14.18% more is bothersome and needs better explanation.

There was a report on the NPS Application by Adam. He said it was going to UPS tomorrow to be sent to Philadelphia to meet the Friday delivery deadline. Adam said the application was reviewed by grant writer Alice Boyd and she thinks it is a very good work product that will hopefully pass quickly through review.

Next on the Agenda was a review from the Fall River Radio Club to use the Circle from May 1st to the 4th.

Spencer made a motion to grant permission for the Radio Club to use the Aquinnah Circle from May 1st to the 4th. Jim seconded.

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

-In Selectmen's Other Business, The Board reviewed the contract to hire Tiffany Smalley as the Gay Head Lighthouse Committee Project Assistant.

Spencer made a motion to accept the agreement written for Tiffany Smalley for contractual work as the Project Assistant for the Gay Head Lighthouse Committee. Jim Seconded.

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

Jim signed both copies of the agreement.

In Other Business, Jay produced a Chapter 90 report for the Moshup Trail Culvert & Waterways. He needed signatures so that the town can get refunded from the state for \$16,088 in certified repair work.

Jim and Spencer signed the Ch. 90 final report.

-Jay stated he had met with civil engineer Kent Healy to discuss the walk path down to the bathrooms. He said that he will bring Kent to the next meeting to discuss how the town can remediate the run off problem to the bathrooms.

-Simon talked about the bids that came in for the pumper repair. The Town is going with the lower bid and the contract was slightly reworked so that it would come in as budgeted. He has the contract ready for signing. Spencer made a motion to approve the contract to Bulldog Fire and Emergency Co from Woodville MA to repair the fire department tanker #333. Jim seconded.

The Board voted 2- 0 in favor. The motion passed. Jim signed the contract.

-Jim asked if there was anything else to discuss. Hearing none...

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

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

The meeting ended at 6:00 pm.