

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 5/06/2014
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Chairman Beverly Wright, Spencer Booker, Jim Newman

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

The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

-1st on the agenda under Old Business was a review of minutes from 4/15.

Spencer made a motion to accept the minutes from April 15, 2014 as amended. Beverly seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was an executive session with Attorney Dan Perry.

-Jim made a motion to go into executive session with Town Counsel to discuss strategy with respect to ongoing litigation. and to reconvene in open session afterwards. Spencer seconded.

In a roll call vote, Jim, Spencer and Beverly voted "aye" to go into executive session. The motion passed.

-When the Board reconvened, the next agenda item was a meeting with Fire Chief Simon Bollin for an administrative assistant's position for the fire department and the chief. The Board reviewed the job description. Questions were asked about the number of hours is needed for the position. Adam stated that the JD had been reviewed by the personnel board and recommended. The only matter still left to decide was where the position would be classified and pay scale and then advertising for the job.

Jim made a motion to accept the AA position for the Fire Department. Spencer seconded.

There was brief discussion about the number of hours that could be more or less each week depending on the job requirements.

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

-There was discussion about the public safety agreement and attorney work being done on it by counsel.

Simon reported that Aquinnah's FD was on the scene of a recent brush fire in West Tisbury and distributed 68K gallons in helping to put it out. He also reported the pumper truck will be back in 3 weeks.

-Next on the agenda Treasurer Peter talked about the streamlining of the payroll time sheets and that it has already gone into effect. He showed the old triple sheet format and explained that the new sheets will streamline the payroll system and help keep track of holiday, sick and vacation hours. There was discussion about snow and ice hour reporting by Jay.

-Peter also asked that the Board give signature authority to Adam for new insurance products that will be offered to employees for voluntary sign up. He went to the recent job/benefits fair and got Boston Mutual and Colonial Life come to Aquinnah to offer different options for a variety of benefits.

Jim made a motion to give signatory authority to Adam for town insurance policy sign-ups. Spencer seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was a water fountain donated to the town from the Friends of Oak Bluffs. Adam explained how the fountain was given by island resident Drew Newton. The Selectmen accepted the donation. Adam to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Newton and the FOB.

In Selectmen's Other Business, Marcella Provost of 16 Old South Rd came to talk about the condition of Old South Road in the area where it wasn't paved by the Tribe when they did the culvert project. There was discussion about the current condition and that it now poses a hazard for safety vehicles. Jim asked that a letter be sent to the Vanderhoops asking for permission to grade out the road since it was assumed that they own up to the centerline of the road. Jay said once the new fiscal year comes in, he'd have funds to grade it out and that the Tribe has a tractor to do the work. There was discussion about why the road wasn't paved in front of Elaine and Chip Vanderhoop's property and driveway and who now is encumbered to maintain it.

Adam to write a letter stating that due to a hazardous situation on Old South Road, a remedy needs to be enacted.

-In Other Business, Jay gave an update on the remedial work being done for the circle path to the restrooms. Jay said he can only do temporary work to abate the run off problem but more money will be needed to thoroughly change the direction of the water flow. There was discussion about progress being made for the Town Campus Committee.

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

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

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

The meeting ended at 6:40 pm.