

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting 6/17/2014  
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Chairman Jim Newman, Spencer Booker, Julianne Vanderhoop  
Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, Police Chief Randhi Belain, Sgt Paul Manning, Hollis Smith, Vern Welch, Attny Marilyn Vukoda, Wendy Swolinzky, Brian (Chip) Vanderhoop, William (Buddy) Vanderhoop, Hugh Taylor, Elise LeBovit, June Manning, Gary Haley, Sgt Paul Manning, Adrienne Ignacio.

The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

-1<sup>st</sup> on the agenda under Old Business was a review of minutes from 6/03

-Spencer made a motion to accept the minutes from June 3, 2014. Julianne seconded.

**The Board voted 3 - 0 in favor. The motion passed.**

-The 1<sup>st</sup> agenda item was a meeting with the Menemsha Lease Lot Holders. Adam handed out the current proposed town line change. Wendy asked if the leases can be reviewed for suggested changes/edits/additions. Adam said there could be another scheduled meeting for that purpose. Buddy asked if the revetment loss can be looked at when the channel is dredged by the Army Corp of Engineers. Hugh talked about the possibility of having the leases extended for a longer period of time so that an investment can be made by the leaseholders to improve the condition of the rip rap and the floating docks that go with it.

-Adam handed out the proposed town line change site plan. There was discussion about the change of the property line going to the legislature and how the road would be divided between the two towns. There was discussion about also seeking legislative change to the language of the Acts of '65 regarding commercial fisherman use. There was discussion about the limited parking spaces for the lease lot holders. It was hoped that Aquinnah wouldn't lose the 4 spaces already in use. Chip asked if there can be more meetings with the Chilmark Selectmen to determine how the actual map will be presented to the Legislature.

-Wendy asked that the shed on Lot A be talked about. She said that the shed she owns is being used by the current leaseholder and there is litigation going on about its ownership so there should be a third party involved to settle matters related to the shed until the court case is settled.

The Board took the request under advisement.

Spencer said there should be more discussion about the property town line change to ensure that Aquinnah doesn't lose any square footage.

-Jim said he will ask for a meeting with Chilmark Selectmen and the Leaseholders to discuss parking relative to the reformed boundary lines.

The Board thanked the leaseholders for attending.

-In Selectmen's Other Business, Chip brought up a reserve transfer fund request to pay for steamer seed he purchased from a supplier from Maine.

Jim made a motion to approve the reserve fund transfer request for \$5,180 to pay for steamer seed. Spencer seconded.

**The Board voted 3 - 0 in favor. The motion passed.**

-Next on the agenda were the annual reappointments of all the department personnel and committee members under the purview of the Selectmen (See attached appointment schedules). Adam stated that Town Counsel needed to be appointed as a Special Town Employee working less than 900 hours a year. Jim also pointed out that Carlos Montoya was being appointed as the Selectmen's rep to the Land Bank Advisory Board.

Spencer made a motion to accept the reappointment slate for town hall departments and committee as presented from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Julianne seconded.

**The Board voted 3 - 0 in favor. The motion passed.**

-Next on the Agenda was approval of the police department's "TASER" Policy. Randhi answered questions about the policy. He said the department currently has two and that different towns are coming around to adopting these regulations across the state. Spencer said having non-lethal force is a good option for the police department. He motioned to approve the policy.

Spencer made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Jim seconded.

**The Board voted 3 - 0 in favor. The motion passed.**

-Next on the agenda was the presentation of the town flag. Adam showed the flag to everyone. He said it will be presented to the State House in a ceremony at Representative Madden's Office Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

-In Selectmen's Other Business, The Board reviewed the statute allowing them to vote to allow line item transfers within town hall departments for end of year fiscal budgeting. Specifically the request comes from the police department to use unused wages for budgeted expenses that may have a shortfall by the end of the fiscal year.

Spencer made a motion to approve end of year departmental line item transfers by the Town Accountant for the end of fiscal year 2014. Julianne seconded.

**The Board voted 3 - 0 in favor. The motion passed.**

-In New Business, the board reviewed two monetary gifts given to the town recently. One was for \$1K from the Aquinnah/ Gay Head Community Association for the community programs fund and another for \$100 for the police department to replace a bolt cutter.

Spencer made a motion to accept the two gifts. Julianne seconded.

**The Board voted 3 - 0 in favor. The motion passed.**

-In Other Business, Julianne brought up the 99 year lease in place for the Squibnocket Easement and how that will be opened up so that emergency equipment can pass through. There was discussion about the current language allowing only fisherman to use a vehicle down the road. Adam said the easement is 40' wide and that he will contact Sherriff's Meadow to get the necessary approval to landscape the easement so that emergency vehicles can travel down the path to the pond.

-In Other Business, Jim brought up the correspondence requesting representation to the MV Commission's Scenic Roads Committee. Julianne volunteered to be the Town's rep to the committee. Elise said there used to be a town committee that walked the trails and paths of the town and it should be continued.

Jim made a motion to appoint Julianne Vanderhoop to the MV Commission's Scenic Roads Committee fro 2104 – 2015. Spenver seconded.

**The Board voted 2 – 0 – 1(Juli) in favor. The motion passed.**

-There was brief discussion about the two town public safety agreement. Randhi said there is a planned public safety day scheduled for Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> With Tri-Town, police, fire, Tribe and Library.

-Adam reported he'd be on vacation and not available for the scheduled BOS meeting July 1.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to meet July 15<sup>th</sup> and then again the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Board agreed to have the summer resident's meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August after the regular meeting of the Board.

-Elise asked that committee appointments still open be advertised on the web site. Adam said he'd get that done.

-June asked that the Veteran's Sign be redone. Adam said there can be funding from the Selectmen's Ceremonial Use budgeted line item to pay for the restoration.

-Jim 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 6:30 pm.