

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 9/2/2014
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Chairman Jim Newman, Julianne Vanderhoop, Spencer Booker
Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, Town Accountant Kimberly Brown, Town Treasurer Peter Graczykowski, Police Sgt Paul Manning, June Manning, Beverly Evans, Refuse District Manager Don Hatch, John Ketchum, Harbormaster Brian Vanderhoop, Wendy Swolinzky, Eric Stange, Barbara Costa

The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

-1st on the agenda under Old Business was a review of minutes from 8/5

-Julianne made a motion to accept the minutes from August 5, 2014. Jim seconded.

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

-The 1st new agenda item was a meeting with Don Hatch, District Manager for the MV Refuse District, to discuss the proposal to upgrade the resource recovery facility in Edgartown. He talked about how the state will mandate requirements that will increase the separation of different waste products and how the district will outgrow itself because of it.

-Don said the current bond the member towns are paying will be paid off next august. The new bond is for \$2.5 million to restructure and develop a new processing center. He showed diagrams indicating how the new resource area will be partitioned off and yet stay within the zoned area that was designated for waste management. He talked about the different refuse districts and how the needs are spread out throughout the island. There was discussion about what would happen if one of the other districts was forced to shut down.

-There was discussion about single stream recycling and how much it costs to recycle (\$40 per ton). Resorting is the key expense factor. Don also said that there is now a 10 year disposal agreement with SeaMass that will also lower costs for solid waste removal by \$40 per ton.

-Spencer made a motion to have the Recovery District borrowing warrant article on the fall town meeting. Julianne seconded.

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

Next on the agenda was a report from Jim about the condo association negotiations currently going on in conjunction with the lighthouse move. He said there have been productive discussions and the hope is that there will be an agreement between them and the town to present to the Planning Board at their meeting September 23rd.

-Next on the agenda was a meeting with town accountant Kimberly Brown to go over the unused project allocations from prior year annual and special town meetings. She said the Schedule A report could be filed by the middle of the month and the town having free cash certified by the beginning of October.

The Board went through the project allocations from the list generated by Kim and Adam. The total amount available to go back into the general fund was over \$20K. There were also many CPA warrant articles that hadn't been started yet. The Board decided to invite the CPC committee to meet with them and discuss whether or not these spending articles should be rescinded with a town meeting vote at the next special meeting.

Spencer made a motion to return the unused funds from prior year town meeting warrant articles totaling \$20,039.24 to the general fund. Julianne seconded.

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

-June reported on the funeral service arrangements for Walter Delaney that will be in Woburn, MA Thursday from 4- 8 pm at the Lynch-Cotillion funeral home. She said she was preparing an obit to run in the upcoming newspapers.

-In Other Business, the Board took up the request by the MV Rotary Club for road usage in Aquinnah for the 6th annual Cycle MV Bicycle Challenge. Adam explained that the event was not a race, just participation in either a 50 or 100 kilometer ride around the island. He said it will be Saturday, October 4th, the day before the 10K “Run for the Light” road race. The funds raised from this year’s cycle ride will be donated to the Save the Lighthouse Gift Fund.

Spencer made a motion to approve the request for the Cycle MV Ride by the Rotary Club of Martha’s Vineyard Saturday, October 4th. Julianne seconded.

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

-In Other Business, John Ketchum spoke of the need to consider his project for another marina for residents and transients in an area that would have to be accessed over tribal lands. He said it needs to be a joint venture between the two governmental entities in Aquinnah.

-There was discussion about the increased role the Harbormaster would have if the additional marina was built. John presented a memorandum of understanding that would allow him to take responsibility for the engineering studies to be done if the town and tribe agree that the project was viable and allowable by both parties. He asked if the Selectmen can sign it 1st, then have it go to the Tribe.

-Spencer was of the opinion that John should attend the next Tribal Council meeting and seek their approval first since the access over tribal lands to the proposed marina was the real sticking point. John said he has spoken with Bret Stearns (Tribe’s Natural Resource Director), and that there is interest in the project from them.

-John said he would go ahead and request meeting tribal officials as the next step.

-There was discussion about what other approvals might be needed for the new marina to be installed.

Jim said he’d talk with Tribal Chairperson Tobias Vanderhoop about the proposal.

-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 6:25 pm.