

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting 4/1/2015  
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Chairman Jim Newman, Spencer Booker, Julianne Vanderhoop  
Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, Treasurer Peter Graczykowski, Fire Chief Simon Bollin, Police Chief Randhi Belain. Richard Skidmore.

The meeting began at 5:33 pm.

-1<sup>st</sup> on the agenda under Old Business was a review of the minutes from the 3/18/2015.

Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes from March 18<sup>th</sup>. Juli seconded.

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

1<sup>st</sup> on the Agenda under new business was the selection of a BOS member to represent the town to the Healthy Aging Task Force. Spencer nominated Jim to serve on the board. Juli seconded.

In the discussion it was noted that the task force will meet six times a year.

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

-Next on the agenda was the commitment of matching funds for the Gay Head Lighthouse Project for the Mass Cultural Council Cultural Grant. Peter explained that in order for the town to receive designated grant funds, it had to vote to match those funds from the donations given to the lighthouse relocation through the Island' Permanent Endowment Fund.

Juli made a motion to include donated funds from the PEF to match the \$280,000 given to the town for lighthouse restoration from the Mass Cultural Counsel. Spencer seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was a request from the Lighthouse Relocation committee to utilize the recent purchase of #9 Aquinnah Circle as temporary offices by International Chimney during the relocation & restoration project.

Spencer made the motion to approve International Chimney and their staff's use of #9 Aquinnah Circle for office use during the Gay Head Lighthouse Relocation. Julianne seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was the proposal to hire a temporary accounting service for the town while the search begins for a new Town Accountant. Adam reported that Kimberly Brown has given notice and the Town needs to hire an accountant who can come in 3 days a week and help with creating paybill and payroll warrants and prepare the budget for the annual town meeting.

Juli made a motion to accept the proposal from Accounting Management Solutions, Inc. of Waltham to provide interim town accountant services. Spencer seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was The Board of Assessor's letter request to rescind taxes from the recently acquired Claytor property by the town.

There was consensus to approve the letter. Jim signed the letter.

-In other New Business as Finance and Advisory members, the various departments whose budget increases for FY '16 were proposed fewer than 5% were reviewed and discussed.

Juli made a motion to accept all budgets presented at less than 5% including:

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Commission; Building Department; Emergency Mgt; Animal Control; Shellfish/Harbor Master; Board of Health; Arts/Culture; Recreational Facilities; Community Programs; Fixed Costs; Accounting. Spencer seconded.  
**The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.**

-Next was a discussion about the transition of the Lighthouse Keeper's position to the town from the MV Museum. The Board recommended that the job description for the lighthouse keeper be passed along to the Personnel Committee.

-In Selectmen's Other Business, Simon asked if surplus equipment can be advertised around the island. He said he'd generate a list for Adam to publish as surplus and then offer island wide and possibly overseas.

-Going back to FinCom review, Simon and the committee looked at cost increases for the department. He said he's contracted to have an increase in pay and he wants his second in command to receive an increase in his stipend as well. Simon talked about the ongoing maintenance issues that need to be seen to each year as well. Juli made a motion to accept the fire department's proposed budget as presented. Spencer seconded.  
**The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.**

-Simon talked about the Mass Casualty Incident Drill at the airport last Sunday. He said he's like to plan an MCI in the fall up here at Aquinnah.  
Adam informed the Board of events occurring with the Lighthouse relocation, including a visit from US Coast Guard Rear Admiral Susan Fagan Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

-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 6:14 pm.