

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 4/15/2015
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Vice Chairman Spencer Booker, Julianne Vanderhoop

Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, Fire Chief Simon Bollin, DPW Director Jay Smalley, Aquinnah Taxi Owner Samantha Church, Treasurer Peter Graczykowski, Gazette Reporter Alex Elvin, Sgt. Paul Manning & Police Chief Randhi Belain

The meeting began at 5:32 pm.

-1st on the agenda under Old Business was a review of the minutes from the 4/01/2015.

Julianne made a motion to approve the minutes from April 1st. Spencer seconded.

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

-1st on the Agenda under new business was the PAL contract for the archeological dig. Adam explained that the Public Archeology Lab from Rhode Island will be on site during the relocation of the lighthouse to monitor and record the historical aspects of the move. He said this oversight by PAL is part of the Section 106 (M)emorandum (O)f (A)greement between all parties involved in the transfer of ownership of the lighthouse to the town.

Julianne made a motion to accept the PAL Contract. Spencer seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was a review of the Special Town Meeting Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. Adam explained the articles needing passage so that funds can be available right away for CPC project starts and bills that don't have to wait until July 1st.

Julianne made a motion to accept the warrant as presented. Spencer seconded.

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

-Next on the Agenda was the renewal of the taxi license for Aquinnah Taxi. The Board spoke briefly with Samantha about the service. She said she was renewing 5 taxi again and that AQT's fares were remaining the same.

Julianne made a motion to accept the renewal application, Spencer seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was a review of the "No Overnight Parking" signage for West Basin given to the town by the state DOT. Randhi reported that a MASS DPW plow truck hit a boat on a trailer during the winter. They came out and looked at the area and reported that boats and boat trailers are being stored there during the winter. They have responded with producing a sign that is 3 X 4'. The Board discussed where it can go in the parking lot area.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to accept the sign from the State.

There was discussion about the ticketing and what the fine would be for those who overnight their boats. The subject of whether or not the town could tow was also talked about.

-Next on the agenda was resignation notices from the Town Accountant and Treasurer.

Julianne motioned to accept the resignations of the Town Accountant and Treasurer. Spencer seconded.

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

Spencer thanked Peter for all the work he had done in the year he had been in the Treasurer's position.

-Next on the agenda was approval of the Vineyard Boy's & Girl's club annual MS Ride through all six towns on the Vineyard for May 2nd.

Spencer made a motion to approve the use of town roads for the weekend cycling event. Julianne seconded.

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

-In Selectmen's Other Business, Simon reported that there will be a rescue drill this coming Sunday involving three EMS services. It will be at the firehouse and will include an extrication from a car.

-Simon also reported that because the fencing is up at the Manning site, #13 Aquinnah Circle's garage is for the moment, inaccessible for storage of additional rescue equipment. He put forth the proposal to rent a 20' storage container temporarily until the garage is available. He said the cost will be shared by fire and police departments.

-In Other Business the Board took up the matter of the community garden being used. Adam reported that there is no one volunteering to take charge of the field next to the playground. Simon said if it is not being utilized then his Department will clean it up and resod the area.

The Board, by consensus, agreed. Spencer asked that the memorial bench stay in place. Simon agreed.

-Spencer asked if there was anything else to come before the Board.

Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

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

-The meeting ended at 5:55 pm.