

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 6/16/2015
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Spencer Booker Chairman, Jim Newman, Julianne Vanderhoop
Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, Gazette Reporter Alex Elvin, Sgt Paul Manning, Chamber of Commerce Director Nancy Gardella, Jessica Passifume, Berta Welch, Featherstone Director Ann Smith, Jim Pickman, Fire Chief Simon Bollin, Library Director Lisa Sherman, Lighthouse Committee Chairman Beverly Wright. Dukes County Manager Martina Thornton.
The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

-1st on the agenda under Old Business was a review of minutes from the 6/9 meeting.

Jim made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Julianne seconded.

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

1st on the Agenda under New Business is the Town's application for the Mass Cultural Council District Designation. Berta talked about the involvement needed in getting more people coming to the cliffs and what a cultural arts designation would mean to the area. Nancy was part of a steering committee that helped Tisbury achieve this designation of having a cultural arts district. There was discussion about the guidelines established to have the designation. She gave a background summary of the process. She said there will be some signage needed and once you get the designation it's good for 5 years.

-There are 24 cultural districts in the state of Massachusetts and designated state agencies promote the advertising. Only 2 signs are needed to go with the application. The lighthouse, the shops, the ACC and the beach will be all part of the district. Jim said the designation allows the town to be eligible for Art Place grants. The application is online and Tisbury's can be the template towards Aquinnah's application. The site has to be fully described. Nancy said that once the application is viable, a site visit will be planned by the MCC. The process involves a pitch being made since a resolution has been established between the Town and the Tribe for this proposed district. Juli asked about the Baptist Church and if it can be part of the proposed district. There was discussion about the proposed district's structures all having to be within walking distance of each other.

Jim made a motion to have the town pursue the cultural arts designation, Juli seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda were the Intermunicipal agreements for purchase of the VNA building and administration of services. Martina said there is a slight change in the language but the agreement remains the same.

Jim made a motion to approve the agreements between the Town and the County as presented. Juli seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was the Vineyard Triathlon approval for September. Jessica talked about increased participation for this year and the different events planned so that more age groups can participate.

Jim made a motion to approve the use of roads in Aquinnah for the Triathlon race. Juli seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda were Department and Committee Reappointments. It was shown that a number of people on committees had not responded to the request for consideration for reappointment.

The Board, by consensus, Took the reappointment schedule under advisement until the next meeting.

-Beverly asked what will happen when the Save the Gay Head Lighthouse Committee dissipates and if a subcommittee for just the lighthouse is to be formed? She asked if a 10K Road race committee also be formed that would be separate from the Lighthouse Committee.

Jim made a motion to establish a stand alone committee to specifically plan and execute the Save the Lighthouse 10K Road Race. Juli seconded.

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

-In the follow up discussion, the Board agrred to have those who worked the 10K raod race last year be on this committee again.

-Jim made a motion to reappoint the Save The Gay Head Lighthouse Committee. Juli seconded.

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

-There was discussion about forming a subcommittee for just the lighthouse's ongoing needs.

-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 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

-The meeting ended at 6:16 pm.