

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting 7/07/2015  
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, Resident Homesite Chairman Mike Hebert, Roger and Anne Marie Howlett and Vern Welch,

The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

-1<sup>st</sup> on the agenda under Old Business was a review of minutes from the 6/16 meeting.

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

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

-Next on the Agenda under Old Business was the further review of the amendments to the Menemsha Lot Leases. Adam said that with Counsel's further review, the proposed amended changes to permit sharing among leaseholders and other people besides family and spouses would be in conflict with the 2 Town Agreement that Aquinnah and Chilmark have had in place since '95. Jim asked if the Board wants to go to Chilmark to discuss change or just address the sharing concept in the fall.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to all the changes except the sharing provision.

Adam said he'd clean up the editing of the amended lease and get signatures.

-Next on the Agenda under Old Business was further review of departmental/committee appointments. All departments, committees and seasonal help were appointed as presented except the Resident Homesite Committee. 7 residents applied for appointment/reappointment to the five member board.

Jim made a motion to appoint Mike Hebert, Derrill Bazy, Sibel Suman, Tiffany Smalley and Mitzi Pratt to the Committee. Julianne seconded.

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

-Jim made a motion to appoint Richard Skidmore to the new town position of Lighthouse Keeper. Julianne seconded.

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

-Jim asked that another ad hoc committee be formed to address the ongoing concerns of beach access. He stated that He, Sarah Thulin, Larry Hohlt, Peter Temple and Tom Murphy would serve and attend to the access beginning in the fall. Spencer asked that there be letters of interest from those who want to be appointed.

-There was discussion about the committee working on access for all of Aquinnah's beaches.

Jim made a motion to create the committee to study beach access, Julianne seconded.

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

-1<sup>st</sup> on the Agenda for New Business was review and approval of the Housing Committee RFP for 45 State Rd. Mike talked about two houses going on the lot but with shared water and septic. Adam said the document has been reviewed by counsel. He explained the process by which the bid and selection process will occur.

Jim made a motion to accept the Request For Proposals for the affordable housing project at 45 State Rd. Julianne second.

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

-Next on the Agenda was a review of the meeting held by the Town Campus Planning Committee for space needs in town hall. Adam pointed out that one of the suggestions made was to convert the selectmen's meeting room into 4 cubicle offices so that the Harbormaster, Board of Health Agent and Building Inspector can move out of the mail/copying room. He said there would be space made in the Town Hall that can act as a meeting place for the various boards to conduct their public meetings. Other suggestions from the meeting were also talked about.

-Next on the Agenda was approval of the Squibnocket Pond boundary site work. Adam spoke of how Harbormaster Chip Vanderhoop had asked for additional site work to be done for the town line when Vineyard Land Engineers were doing survey work in Menemsha Pond. He asked that the Board approve the additional work and pay the whole cost in site work done for Squibby since there was no opportunity to seek sharing the cost with Chilmark. Adam said the additional cost can be paid for from the Waterways Reserve Fund.

-The Board, by consensus, agreed to pay for the additional town line site work on Squibnocket Pond.

-Next on the Agenda was having Jim Pickman appointed to the Gay Head Lighthouse Committee. There was discussion about this committee being different from the Save the Gay Head Lighthouse Committee and that its mission will be the ongoing maintenance, usage, restorative efforts and fundraising for the structure

Jim made a motion to appoint Jim Pickman to the Committee. Julianne seconded.

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

-In Other Business, Vern asked about his last letter to the BOS and his plans for the commercial usage of the shed. He wants to promote different businesses in the leased space. He wants an approval of his letter showing he's okay to go forward. The Board, by consensus, agreed to approve Vern's business plan.

Adam to draft a letter stating such

-In Other Business, Roger Howlett talked about a parking arrangement on the Manning Property that has been existence going back to the eighties for the benefit of the condo owners. He talked about the arrangement made with the Planning Board to allow for overflow parking in front of #9 Aquinnah Circle.

Jim said the Planning Board has the right to grant easements and building structures but that Board can't determine parking.

Jim said the situation as it stands will be referred to counsel for an opinion. Roger said there is a need for parking for family and guest members. Town rights vs Condo Owners rights regarding parking were talked about. Jim said he doesn't want a situation where people are being told they have to move.

-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 6:20 pm.