

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 8/04/2015
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, Police Chief Randhi Belain, Fire Chief Simon Bollin, Wendy Swolinzky, Elise LeBovit. Jessica Elder (Eversource), Sgt Paul Manning, Jim Pickman*

*(Via Conference Call).

The meeting began at 5:35 pm.

-1st on the agenda under Old Business was a review of minutes from the 7/07 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 was a hearing for Eversource to put conduit wiring under 55 Lighthouse Road. Jessica Elder from Eversource stated that 100' of conduit underground was needed for a new construction. Spencer opened the hearing to public comment. There was none.

Jim made a motion to close the public hearing. Juli seconded.

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

-Hearing no objections, Jim made a motion to approve the Eversource request to install 100' of underground conduit for 55 Lighthouse Rd. Juli seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was a request from Wendy to discuss her non re-appointment to the resident housing committee. She gave a detailed accounting of her years of work with the committee and the current work with the 2 house lot at 45 State Rd that was going to be built by Island Housing Trust.

Board members said they wanted to go in another direction with the membership of the committee and having 7 people apply for the five positions available, it was their prerogative to choose who they wanted on the committee.

-Next on the agenda was the planned celebration for relighting the lighthouse August 11th. Adam and the Board reviewed the plans for the ceremony to rededicate the turning back of the light beacon and the party to occur in the circle afterwards

-Elise asked if she can be on the Lighthouse Advisory Committee. Spencer advised her to send correspondence to Adam indicating a desire to be appointed and the Board will take it up at their next meeting.

-Next on the agenda was a meeting with Jim Pickman to discuss with the Board the temporary licensing arrangement for the Martha's Vineyard Museum and the lighthouse after it is relit and running again. He explained the process of getting a lease arrangement for the remainder of August, September and then October. The lease will pay the town \$3K and a 50/50 share over revenue past a \$40K gross amount. There was discussion about the need to go out to bid for the long term licensing of the lighthouse in 2016.

Jim made a motion to accept the short term lease as presented. Juli seconded.

In the discussion Jim P and the Board talked about the permanent committee that would take over for the GHLC Committee and who will be appointed to it. There was also discussion about the creation of the Historical Building Committee that was part of the NPS Application to acquire the Gay Head Light.

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

-Next on Jim P's agenda was the application being made by the Town and Tribe to the Mass Arts Council to create an arts/cultural district up at the cliffs. He talked about the Mass Cultural District and the proposed resolution

needed as part of the process getting designation for the circle to become a cultural district. Jim explained that the designation can bring about future grant funds.

-Juli talked about the Baptist Church being a part of the district. Jim said that will have to come later time as it is not part of the walking area the cultural area. There was discussion about the designation allowing restrictions to be put in place. Jim said it is a cultural district only.

Spencer made a motion to approve the resolution. Jim seconded.

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

Spencer signed the resolution.

-In Other Business, Adam produced the documents to be signed by the various island towns confirming the loan given to the county for the regional senior center and the day support program. Adam reminded the board they had already voted to accept the docs in addition to the vote the residents approved at town meeting for the same projects.

Spencer signed the County documents.

-In Other Business, Simon reported to the Board that his department had acquired a personal rescue watercraft through a donation from E. Boch Jr. The donation is valued at \$10K.

-Paul mentioned the dedication of the other personal rescue vehicle acquired by the police department from the Caddy Shack Foundation. He said the ceremony will be at 10 am. Simon said the town has saved \$70K by getting the equipment donated.

-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 6:35 pm.