

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 9/15/2015
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Spencer Booker Chairman, Jim Newman,

Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, Gazette Reporter Alex Elvin, Resident Homesite Committee Chairman Mike Hebert, Library Director Olivia Larsen, Emergency Mgt Director Gary Robinson, Library Trustee Jean Lince, Fire Chief Simon Bollin, Sgt Paul Manning, DPW Director Jay Smalley, Jim and Nancy Benoit, Wendy Swolinzky

The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

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

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

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

-Next on the Agenda under Old Business was the 45 State Rd. Affordable Housing Proposal from the Island Housing Trust. Mike said the proposal is recommended by his committee.

Jim made a motion to accept the proposal as presented, Spencer seconded. In the discussion, Mike said the proposal is accepted but there will be discussions on whether or not the project will go forward as a pre-build or u-build project. There was discussion about the financial differences between the two methods of construction

Mike invited those present to come and give their ideas at the next Homesite Committee meeting September 3rd.

-There was discussion about the time frame for getting the project underway and a timeline for project completion.

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

-Next on the agenda under New Business was a meeting and introduction of Olivia Larsen as the new Library Director. She discussed with the board her plans for the library's programs and staff projects.

-Next on the agenda was planning for a Fall Special Town Meeting. By consensus it was agreed that it would be Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00pm.

Board members talked about having a non-binding referendum asking if the Board of Assessors should be elected or appointed by the Selectmen

-Next on the agenda was a Lighthouse Advisory Board update was given by Adam

-Next on the agenda was adoption of Green Community Policies for fuel efficient municipal vehicles and an anti-idling policy. Randhi said there was already a town by-law in place for idling.

Jim made a motion to adopt the fuel efficient vehicle policy. Spencer seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was a meeting with Gary Robinson and the proposal by the island emergency managers to construct an all-island emergency shelter for weather and island wide catastrophic events. He said the Oak Bluffs School was deemed to be best for an all-island shelter. He discussed the distance problems Aquinnah residents would have reaching it. HE said there was a request for \$200 from Aquinnah to open the place with BOS approval. Gary said he had no problem funding the initial request from his budget but the Memorandum Of Understanding being put together has all towns paying for the shelter equally. He doesn't think that is equitable and recommended a user only system for the facility since very few AQ Residents would use it.

-There was discussion about the safety factor getting residents to the shelter. Gary talked about the latest emergency management plan grant going to the shelter's resources that he is not in agreement with. Jim & Spencer thought that resources should be kept local. There was discussion about sheltering in place and the use of the Old Town Hall for shelter. Gary talked about establishing a Community Emergency Response Team with FEMA/MEMA funding.

By consensus the board agreed to support the \$200 cost.

-In Other Business the Board took up the request from the County for a representative from Aquinnah to be appointed for the MV Center for Living appointment. By consensus, the Board agreed to approve the representative to the MVCL.

In Other Business, Jay had the Selectmen sign off on a rodent control agreement for #9 Aquinnah Circle

-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 6:14 pm.