

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 10/18/2016
Aquinnah Town Hall

Members present: Chairman Juli Vanderhoop, Jim Newman, Gary Haley

Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, DPW Director Jay Smalley, Fire Chief Simon Bollin, Assessor Elise LeBovit, Sgt Paul Manning, Chief Randhi Belain, Liz Witham and Ken Wentworth.

The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

-1st on the agenda under Old Business was review of the minutes from the 10/4 Selectmen's meeting.

Juli made a motion to approve the minutes from October 4th as presented. Jim seconded

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

-Next on the agenda under Old Business was a review of the 8 requests submitted by residents to be on the Parks & Recreation Committee. Jim said each board member should select their 3 top choices and see if there's consensus among them. Juli said she knows everyone who applied. Elise asked if this committee would be involved in children's programs. Adam said that it would involve all aspects of running the various beaches and parks and recreation programs available. There was discussion about representation to the Land Bank Advisory Board from a P & R "Commission" vs this committee. The complexity of creating a commission was talked about.

Adam said the need for a committee is to have oversight of the town's recreation assets. There was discussion about having a 3 vs 5 member board.

The Selectmen, by consensus, agreed to continue the selection process to the next meeting of the Board.

-Next on the Agenda was a meeting of the Aquinnah Cultural Center and the lease for the Vanderhoop Homestead. Adam said the ACC had requested a postponement until the next BOS meeting.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to meet with the ACC about the lease on November 1st.

-Next on the agenda under Old Business was a meeting with Liz Witham and Ken Wentworth to report on the media exhibit for the lighthouse at #9 Aquinnah Circle. Liz had pictures of the structure before repairs. She said it was estimated that a couple of thousand people visited the exhibit from late July to Columbus Day weekend. Ken thanked many in TH who helped get the exhibit going.

-Liz talked about the exhibit opening and all the things that were presented. The history of the town and its nautical background was also part of the exhibit. Ken talked about the NOVA lighthouse special and the awareness it raised. Their documentary is still being worked on and is moving towards completion.

-There was discussion about breaking down the exhibit pieces still in the building and keeping it there if the Selectmen could agree that Ken and Liz could operate the exhibit again next year. The Selectmen recommended that Ken & Liz talk to the Community Preservation Committee and Chairman Derrill Bazy about use of the space for next year.

Next on the agenda under New Business was the report from the Town Campus Study Committee on the results of the RFQ for architectural services to do a space needs study. Adam reported that 7 proposals had been submitted by the deadline and the 3 member committee graded out the bids and were recommending Keenan & Kenny to do the study.

Gary made a motion to accept the recommendation from the study committee to hire Keenan & Kenny for the contractual price of \$15K to do a campus space needs assessment. Jim seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was a request from the MV Shellfish Group to have a selectmen's representative on their board of Directors. Juli volunteered.

Jim made a motion to appoint Juli Vanderhoop to the MV Shellfish Board effective immediately and to be considered for reappointment the end of June, 2017. Gary seconded.

The Board voted 2 – 0 – 1 in favor. The motion passed.

-In Other Business, the upcoming dredge project and the public safety was discussed. Simon, Randhi and Jay said that there has been no pre-project meeting so that the ground rules could be laid out on parking, equipment storage and hours of operation. Adam said he'd collate a list of all concerns for the dredge project from the various department heads and present them to the Army Corp. and JWay prior to the restart of the dredge project.

-In Other Business, Juli read the commendation letter to officer Murphy for the rescue he performed at Red Beach over the Columbus Day Weekend. Adam said he also had letters for Chip Vanderhoop and Darren LePorte as well commending them for their actions as well.

-In Other Business Simon let the Selectmen know that vandalism occurred with the removal of the fittings to the stand pipe on State road. He said it will take \$300 to replace. The other standpipes have been checked and have not been vandalized.

-Juli 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 6:12pm