

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 12/6/2016
Aquinnah Town Hall

Members present: Vice Chairman Jim Newman, Gary Haley.

Also present: Adam Wilson, Town Administrator, DPW Director Jay Smalley, Fire Chief Simon Bollin, Frank Perez, Town Clerk and Parking Lot Supervisor Carolyn Feltz*, Elise Lebovit, Treasurer Sibel Suman, Sgt Paul Manning, Town Accountant Emily Day

*Arrived 20 minutes after start of the meeting

The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

-1st on the agenda under Old Business was a review of minutes from 11/26. Without Juli present, the Board agreed to hold off review of the November meeting minutes until the December 6th meeting

-Next on the agenda under Old Business was a review of the Parks & Recreation Committee assignments. Jim said that without Carolyn not present, it would be best to hold off since the bulk of the discussion involves her and the many hats she wears with the parking lots, the homestead rental and possible future oversight of the lighthouse tours. There was discussion about how one individual would work with this advisory committee to fine tune the summer operations, community programs and recreational facilities throughout the town. There was discussion about how the committee can plan for the future and whether or not they would be involved in the lighthouse operation. Jay said he is in discussion with the Lighthouse Advisory Board on maintenance costs and what the town will be responsible for, both the lighthouse and the newly created park.

-Next on the agenda was a review of revenue from the summer season. Sibel handed out reports that showed the different revenue streams. She reported:

1. The discontinuing of charging for bathroom usage reduced revenue by \$20K;
2. The discounting of parking lot fees as the day goes on was talked about. Overall revenue was up from the previous year. Board members suggested keeping the lot open until 5:00 instead of 4:00;
3. There was discussion with Carolyn about staying with \$20 parking fee throughout the day and refunding only within the 1st 2 hours upon entry;
4. Philbin Beach Permits was down \$2,900 and the thought was there weren't as many September permits and the weather were not as good as the previous summer. There was discussion about how much business occurred with the news of the lighthouse relocation. Water sales and the proceeds from selling bottles was talked about as well.

-Next on the agenda under New Business was the reappointment of Kathy Newman as Selectmen's Representative to the MV Commission. Jim made a motion to reappointment of Kathy Newman as Selectmen's Representative to the MV Commission from December 2017 to December 2017. Gary seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was the reappointment of Kristina Hook as the representative to the Up Island Council on Aging Board of Directors.

Gary made a motion to reappointment of Kristina Hook as the Town's Representative to the Up Island Council on Aging Board of Directors from December 2017 to December 2017. Jim seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was a request from Cemetery Commissioner Chairman Eleanor Hebert to appoint Gabriella Camilleri as a member replacing Steven Roth.

-Jim made a motion to appointment of Gabriella Camilleri to the Cemetery Commission to June 2017. Gary seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was performance reviews for Town Accountant Emily Day and Town Administrator Adam Wilson. The Board, by consensus, agreed to take under advisement the evaluations until Juli could weigh in whether or not the reviews would be only with her, as chairman, or with the entire board, and therefore public.

-In Other Business, there was discussion about raising rates at the landfill for garbage disposal. Jim pointed out that bag fees were low compared to other towns. He said the fee should go up 75 cents to \$2.00. There was discussion about the shortfall in disposing returnable bottles and recyclables. Barrel fees were also talked about. Jim made a motion to recommend to the Board of Health an increase in fees for disposal drop off by the beginning of the new year with bags to go from \$1.25 to \$2 and barrels from \$4.50 to \$5. Gary seconded.
The Board voted 2 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

-In Other Business, Adam brought the Board up to speed on the effort underway to get an emergency dredge permit to remove 1,000 cubic yards of sand at the West Basin Entrance. There was discussion about scalloping and how the dredging of the channel will help propagate the shellfish.

-In Other Business, Elise handed out a list of proposed actions the town could take related to affordable housing options in Aquinnah.

-Jim 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 6:20 pm