

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 12/20/2016
Aquinnah Town Hall

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

Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, Town Counsel Ron Rappaport, Sgt Paul Manning, Elise LeBovit, Lighthouse Advisory Board Chairman Len Butler, Frank Perez, MVM Museum Director Phil Wallace, DPW Director Jay Smalley, Resident Homesite Chairman Mike Hebert, Land Bank Director James Lengyel, LB Advisory Board Members Peter Temple and Sarah Thulin.

The meeting began at 5:04 pm.

-1st on the agenda was a meeting with Ron held in executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Gary made a motion to go into executive session with town counsel to discuss matters relative to pending/ongoing litigation and to return to the public meeting when finished. Jim seconded.

The roll call vote was Jim (aye), Juli (aye) and Gary (aye). The vote was unanimous in favor.

-Returning to the public meeting, 1st on the agenda under Old Business was review of minutes from 11/22 and 12/6.

Gary made a motion to accept the minutes from November 22nd, Juli seconded.

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

Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from December 6th. Gary seconded.

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

-Next under Old Business was further review of the Parks & Recreation Committee appointment update. Juli said that without Carolyn & Jay present, The Board, by consensus, agreed to put under further advisement until the next BOS meeting in January.

-In Other Business, Len Butler came to the Board with the recommendation from the Lighthouse Advisory Committee that the licensing arrangement for Lighthouse Tours should be given to the MV Museum for another year. Len shared the new proposed profit sharing agreement between the town and the museum. Len said it's an increase of \$8K to the existing licensing agreement with profit sharing going to \$19K from \$26K this previous year.

-Elise talked about the administrative costs and how the Museum administratively oversees all the lighthouses. She talked about the loss of job(s) by not having town residents run the lighthouse tours instead.

-Juli said that the financial return for the town so far is great, but there is a lot more work to be done while the tours are operating; Not only for the lighthouse, but also for the entire circle.

-Jim said the town is not ready to administratively oversee the tours operation. Phil explained the marketing the museum has for all the lighthouse tours and the ads that go with it.

Jim made a motion to relicense the museum for lighthouse tours for 2017 and 2018. There was no second.

Gary made a motion to relicense the museum for lighthouse tours for just 2017. Jim seconded.

-In the discussion, Jim asked if the licensing agreement can have a clause allowing the town to relicense for 2018 with the museum.

Jim made a motion to amend the main motion so that the town has the option to renew once again for one or two years. Gary seconded.

The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor of the amendment to the main motion. The amendment passed.

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

-In Other Business, the Board reviewed the Resident Homesite AA job opening. Mike talked about the situation where the job has been abandoned a little over a year ago. At the last homesite meeting, they voted to recommend the position be unappointed by the Selectmen and then to advertise once again. Adam said there is room in the

budget for a temp hire and it is allowed short term. There was discussion about the need to fill the position for upcoming meetings and to process prior meeting minutes.

-In Other Business, the Board learned that Sophia Welch has become a temp hire for the Planning Board to help cleaning up the files and organizing them. Adam explained the parameters of utilizing a temp hire for a finite time.

-In Other Business, the Board considered a request from Aquinnah Resident Bill Lake to vote to approve participation in the Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee.

Jim made a motion to approve the town's participation in the Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee. Gary seconded.

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

-In Other Business, Adam brought the Board up to speed on the status of the town obtaining an emergency dredge permit for West Basin with engineer George Sourati, Tribal Natural Resources and the Army Corp.

-In Other Business, the Town Holiday Party December 23rd was talked about.

-In Other Business, it was determined that the next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, January 17th

-Jim left the meeting to catch a boat.

-Next on the agenda was another executive session with Land Bank Director James Lengyel and Aquinnah Landbank Advisory Board Members Peter Temple and Sarah Thulin.

Gary made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and to not return to the public meeting when finished. Juli seconded.

The roll call vote was Juli (aye) and Gary (aye). The vote was unanimous in favor.

-The meeting ended at 6:04 pm