

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting 2/2/2016  
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Chairman Spencer Booker, Julianne Vanderhoop, Jim Newman.

Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, Police Chief Randhi Belain, Gazette Reporter Alex Elvin, DPW Director Jay Smalley, Fire Chief Simon Bollin, Treasurer Sibel Suman, Lighthouse keeper Richard Skidmore, Sgt Paul Manning, Tribal Resources Director Bret Stearns, County Manager Martina Thornton, Paddy Moore, Sarah Kuh and Rise Tierney, BOH Chairman Jim Glavin and Health Agent Julie Sierputoski

The meeting began at 5:35 pm.

-1<sup>st</sup> on the agenda under Old Business was a review of minutes from the 1/5 meeting.

Jim made a motion to approve the minutes of January 5<sup>th</sup> as presented. Julianne seconded.

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

-1<sup>st</sup> on the agenda under New Business was a meeting Martina Thornton, Healthy Aging Task Force Representative Paddy Moore, Health Care Access Coordinator Sarah Kuh and Center 4Living Chairman Rise Tierney. Paddy talked about the Healthy Aging Task Force and the costs involved with the 1<sup>st</sup> Stop program. She said there is further investigation in cost saving for 1<sup>st</sup> Stop funding by utilizing other resources. 1st Stop was launched December 2<sup>nd</sup> and already the informational web site is very active.

Martina talked about the budget for the Center 4Living. Rise pointed out that Adam was the Aquinnah representative to the Center's Board. There was discussion about the increase in staffing and the sale of the building where the program is going to be housed. She said there is a waiting list of those who are in need for services, both social and medical. 37% increase in the C4Living budget to offset a 30% increase in anticipated use. Sarah talked about the Health Care Access Program. There was discussion about the increase from \$7K to \$10K. Sarah said the 50/50 formula was up slightly. She explained that certain payroll expenses and a one-time building improvement expense had added to the budget. Martina said the County Budget hasn't changed. The Board thanked everyone for attending.

-Next on the agenda was a meeting with Jim Glavin and the request to bring the hours up to 20 a week for Julie's position as health agent and the impact that will have making the position a benefited one. There was discussion about the health agent's role increasing while the BOH clerk's job remains the same. The Board agreed to review the upcoming budget and the increase to the line item for additional hours for the health agent.

-Next was a meeting with Treasurer Sibel Suman and her report for various revenues received from the summer. She said revenues received for parking last summer came in close to what was anticipated despite the loss of use of the big pay parking lot for the storage of fill during the relocation of the lighthouse. She also said Philbin Beach permits were up as well, especially in September.

Sibel went through town employees expenses for health and retirement. Jim asked about police overtime. Rhandi stated last year it was \$56K. Jim asked whether or not it's time to think about having another officer. There was consensus it's still less than hiring another member of the AQ 5-0.

There was discussion about the snow & ice budget and how the costs break. Jay talked about rapid recovery funds he applied for and got that offset last year's snow & ice removal cost overruns.

Sibel reported that to date the town's budget has \$61K in extra revenue more than last year at the same time with most of it coming from tax title payments. She also told the board that the loans for the Manning property and 45 State Road are being rolled over for another year as short term borrowing. The Board wants that info disseminated properly at town meeting.

Adam and Sibel will work on a presentation for town voters on borrowing.

-There was discussion about the ongoing Town Hall renovations. There was also discussion about Old Town Hall storage of emergency shelter materials and if it's needed anymore since emergency shelter won't occur in the building.

There was discussion about the space behind town hall being used for the establishment of more storage with a portable storage container similar to the one being used by the fire and police departments.

Simon said there is room behind the area of Jay's office.

Jim made a motion to have a storage unit placed on property. Julianne seconded.

In the discussion Juli said the container is fine as long as it's a short term solution. There was discussion having once again a space needs assessment done with a warrant article.

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

The Board, by consensus, agreed to have another warrant article securing funds for a space needs assessment.

-In Other Business there was a discussion about the channel dredge having to wait another year to finish and the ramifications of the contractor JWay leaving. Bret said that the contractual obligation for JWay is now in place. There was discussion about damage that occurred during the dredge. Bret said repairs will be covered under contract. Jay reported that part of the State Hwy has been damaged and has to be repaired. The boundary marker that is lost is being claimed for replacement by Chilmark. Bret talked about a future access point being revegetated. He discussed the (R)ight (O)f (E)ntry being the towns and the tribes. Jay asked about a timeline for the take down of all the equipment. There was discussion about how and when JWay can come back to finish the job.

-In Other Business Jay reported that his truck had a breakdown during the storm and that the Tribe helped out with a loaner and that Ken Cotterill and John Keene helped out as well.

The Board instructed Adam to write a thank you letter to the Tribe for the borrowing of their truck during the snow emergency.

-Spencer asked if there was anything else to come before the Board.

Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to end the meeting.

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

-The meeting ended at 7:00 pm.