

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 3/08/2016
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Chairman Spencer Booker, Julianne Vanderhoop.

Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, Police Chief Randhi Belain, Lighthouse Advisory Board Chairman Len Butler, Fire Chief Simon Bollin, Police Sgt Paul Manning, Header's President Macey Dunbar, Lighthouse Keeper Richard Skidmore.

The meeting began at 5:34 pm.

-1st on the agenda under Old Business was a review of minutes from the February 16th meeting.

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

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

-1st on the agenda under New Business was ABCC Approval of the two seasonal licenses for the Outermost Inn and the Aquinnah Shop. Adam provided the documents the state requires on license renewal reporting (Aquinnah has no licenses revoked or non-renewed), which were signed by the Board, and the renewal application for the Aquinnah Shop.

By consensus, the Board approved the seasonal license liquor application for the Aquinnah Shop.

Spencer and Jui signed the document

-Next on the agenda was a support letter requested by Vineyard Power to expedite state legislation for solar power energy credits throughout the state. Adam showed the Board the templated support letter provided by V. Power.

By consensus, the Board approved the letter. Spencer signed the document.

-Next on the agenda was a request from the Aquinnah Cultural Council to hold the Artisans Festival in the Aquinnah Circle in July.

Juli motioned to approve the Artisans Festival for the weekend of July 23rd. Spencer seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was the adoption of the regional hazard mitigation plan put together by the Martha's Vineyard Commission. Spencer read the adoption document.

Juli made a motion to approve the certification of adoption. Spencer seconded.

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

Juli and Spencer signed the adoption certification document.

-In Selectmen's Other Business, Simon discussed the house fire that occurred at 4 Towhee Lane and how the response went among Aquinnah personnel and the mutual aid that came from Chilmark, West Tisbury and Edgartown. He requested that the department acquire a new thermal imaging device to replace the one that is no longer usable. He said that it will cost \$5K and he intends to have it paid for with a warrant article at the annual town meeting.

There was discussion about how the water was brought from different places in town to the fire. Simon also made a request for the use of the Manning House (#13) for a drill planned for May 7th. He said no damage will occur to the house and that they intend to use it for a multi emergency service response (PD, Fire and EMS).

The Board, by consensus gave permission to use the Manning House for the fire drill May 7th.

-In Other Business, Juli brought up the evaluation process used to determine the new license for the lighthouse tours for 2016. She had been told that because the overall evaluation point system had the Museum ahead by a narrow margin (13 hundredths of a point), the Advisory Board was recommending a license going to MVM for the

upcoming season. She believed that because there was a category giving points to a local applicant and that the Header's got most of the points, the scoring result should be considered a tie.

-Len read the letter he sent to the Selectmen explaining how the criteria worked in the evaluation of the two proposals. He read how the point scoring system was defined in the RFP and the protocols for how the scoring sheets were added to work an average score for each category. The averages were calculated to the hundredth of a point. Len said that e-mail correspondence has been sent to both applicants letting them know the results of the scoring. He said the consensus of the majority of the Board is that the evaluation was done the way it was intended and the Museum won the contract. He said the Advisory Board will recommend the results of the scoring for the two bids and ask that the MV Museum be awarded the one year license agreement. He also said that The Selectmen do have the right to accept the recommendation or reject both bids outright and start the process all over again.

-Len read the letter the advisory board sent to Macey Dunbar with the decision. Len pointed out that with a full year of operation, experience was the overall factor in recommending the MVM.

-There was discussion about how the Lighthouse Advisory Board met to discuss the proposals and the evaluation system before each member going off separately to evaluate the two bids. Adam and Len talked about how the proposal was evaluated and not voted upon.

-There was discussion about a member of the Advisory Board being involved in the development of the Header's proposal. Adam asked Macey how she came about to recruit two employees of the museum to be part of her proposed management staff for the Header's group. Macey said it was Elise Lebovit's recommendation to contact those two employees and ask them to be part of her proposal.

-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 2 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

-The meeting ended at 6:45pm.