

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 4/19/2016
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Chairman Spencer Booker, Julianne Vanderhoop,
Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, GH Lighthouse Advisory Board Chairman Len Butler, MV Museum staff member Betsey Mayhew, MVM Director Phil Wallace, Hollis Smith, Wendy Swolinzky, Buddy Vanderhoop, Fire Chief Simon Bollin, DPW Director Jay Smalley, Vern, Berta & Sofia Welch, Harbormaster Chip Vanderhoop, Sgt Paul Manning. WT Assistant Principal Mary Boyd, Gazette Reporter Alex Elvin.

The meeting began at 5:32 pm.

1st on the agenda under Old Business was a review of the minutes from the April 5th meeting.

Juli made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Spencer seconded

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

-1st on the agenda under New Business was the licensing agreement for the Lighthouse Tours to be awarded to the Martha's Vineyard Museum. Len explained the outline of the agreement, including the fee, the threshold for additional revenue to be shared by the town and the museum and notification of renewal occurring by February 2017.

-Juli made a motion to award the licensing agreement as presented, Spencer seconded.

In the discussion, there were questions about the costs absorbed by the town in taking ownership of the lighthouse from the Coast Guard. Betsey talked about the museum's costs that they have to budget for. The removal of trash was talked about as well as the other park property and its maintenance costs.

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

Spencer signed two agreements which were countersigned by the MVM Director. He then handed a check for \$2,500 to the Board as 1st payment for the licensing fee (\$7,500 is due in September).

-Next on the agenda was a meeting with the Menemsha lease lot holders. There was discussion about the town line change and how the swap could take away possible parking. Wendy criticized the board for not keeping the lot holders informed about the vote to have the town line changed. There was discussion about the Coast Guard paying for the road up keep since its staff uses it the most. Buddy suggested that the town line remain the same and to have only the two structures in the town line be spot zoned to be fully in their respective towns. Vern asked how many boats can be docked on all the lots. Spencer said he'd find out and let him know.

-There was discussion about the dredge project and the hazards to navigation caused by the pipes still in the water and JWay's dredge barge. Buddy talked about the wash out on the south side of the basin parking lot. There was discussion about the hazards to navigation and what Chip, as Harbormaster, could do using his appointed authority to ask the Coast Guard to mitigate the navigation problems that exist in the channel. Chip said he would write to the Coast Guard in Woods Hole for mitigation help.

-Spencer asked if there is money in the Harbormaster's budget to move the pipe sections. Jay said he's going to bring a front loader in and with the Tribe's permission fix the sand build up on Lobsterville Road.

-Next on the agenda was a request from the Coast Guard for Adam permission to trench a water line through a short part of the Town of Aquinnah by Lot A. Spencer and Juli reviewed the site plan showing a 15' section of town property the water company will have to trench for the water line as it extends from the station to the well.

By consensus, the Selectmen agreed to the request.

-Next on the Agenda was a proposal from the DWP to transfer the DOT's West Basin Road to the Town. Jay explained that the state doesn't want to maintain the road any longer and is offering it to the town. He said it is 1.1 miles, has a 60' right of way and comes with the 1st parking lot as well. Adam said it will also need approval at town meeting as well.

Juli made a motion to move forward with the DOT proposal to acquire the West Basin Road from the State DOT
Spencer seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda was a meeting with the Cemetery Commissioners. No one from the commission was present.
The Board postponed the meeting until the next Board Meeting.

-Next on the agenda was a meeting with the summer parking director to discuss the raising of parking and beach permit fees. Carolyn Feltz was not present so The Board postponed the meeting until the next meeting.

-Next on the agenda was the annual town meeting warrant. Adam went through a couple of subtractions and additions from the last time the Selectmen reviewed the document. The warrant petition for the new West Tisbury school playground was discussed. Mary Boyd said the committee for the playground has raised some more money and will amend the cost down at town meeting. She gave the Selectmen a handout showing what the playground will look like when finished.

-Juli made a motion to close the warrant. Spencer seconded.

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

-In Other Business, the Selectmen reviewed the Town Administrator's new contract. Adam pointed out the additions of when the contract would expire (April 19th 2021); the salary amount to begin FY '17 with (\$88,431.34) and; the number of hours per week Adam could work compensatory time (10).

Spencer made a motion to approve the Town Administrator's contract until 2021. Juli seconded.

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

Spencer signed the contract.

-In Other Business, Juli asked if a sign for \$50c donations can be put up at the circle restrooms. Spencer asked Jay how the renovation work at the police center was going. Paul and Jay commented on the work done so far and what else was scheduled to be done.

-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 6:18pm.