

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 5/03/2016
Aquinnah Old Town Hall

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

Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, Gary Haley, Police Chief Randhi Belain, Macey Dunbar, Elise Lebovit, Asst. Assessor Angela Cywinski, Treasurer Sibel Suman, Roger Howlett, Bettina Washington, Martha Vanderhoop, Berta Welch., Carla Cuch, Sgt Paul Manning, Tribal Chairman Tobias Vanderhoop, Brendan O'Neill, Samantha Look, Matthew Vanderhoop, Theresa Manning, ConCom Chairman Sarah Thulin

-The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

-1st on the agenda under Old Business was a review of the minutes from the April 19th & 26th meetings.

Both meeting minutes were voted on and approved as presented.

2 – 0 – 1(Jim) for the April 19th meeting and 2 – 0 – 1(Spencer) for the 26th.

-1st on the agenda under New Business was a meeting with the Condo Association Owners. The opinion from Town Counsel that the Condo owners did not have parking rights on the Manning property was talked about. Roger read the opinion and talked about specific language in the deed and driveway. He said the issue of having the extra parking area is really about safety because when all the units are occupied, there is no room for emergency vehicles to get in. Jim said that's because the owners were given no setback requirements in order to build the 4 units. Roger proposed that his group and the town come to an agreement, permanent or temporary, based on what will happen to the whole homestead.

-There was discussion about curbing cutting the area in front of the property as a remedy. Spencer asked board members if permission could be granted for this summer. Jim said that the CPC is involved and should dictate the terms of the future usage.

-Juli asked if there is anywhere for additional parking. Roger said Helen Manning's intention was for cars to be parked in front. Roger read an e-mail from Camille Rose saying that the parking would be allowed. Jim criticized Camille's unilateral response to the problem. There was discussion about fire and safety today and expansion of space but it would be in the area where the Manning cesspool is located.

-Roger asked for a temporary parking agreement until the Manning property is decided upon.

-The Board, by consensus, decided to take the matter under advisement until the CPC can be apprised of the matter and give their input as to a possible remedy.

-Roger talked about another issue with the water tank damage over the winter. Is the town going to continue to draw off the well and share in the cost of getting the tank fixed? A break apart will need legal separation of the deeds. Drawing from the well had not been an issue since the cottages had gone unused for so many years.

Again by consensus, the board took the matter under advisement until Derrill could give them some counsel on what may become of the property.

-Next on the agenda was a meeting with the Cliff Shop Business Owners. There was discussion about when the proposed plastic bag ban would take effect and having a possible amendment to extend the prohibition deadline by a year. VCS representative Brenden O'Neill talked about how the bylaw was tweaked and how each community has responded to it at their town meetings. The thickness of the bags was discussed. Samantha Look talked about a 4 mils threshold or above for plastic bags being more sustainable. Reusable totes were talked about as being acceptable. Martha criticized the Selectmen for not informing the shop owners of the proposed change when the VCS came to the Board last fall. Spencer and Jim apologized for the miscommunication.

-Carla asked about upcoming changes at the Cliffs. There was discussion about recyclable bins, additional parking, and signage at the circle that was meant to protect conservation areas but instead seems to be promoting its usage.

-The cleanliness of the public restrooms was discussed with Priscilla Belain's retirement. The group talked about the picnic tables owned by Gordon but donated to the town and what will happen to them if the vacant lot gets a structure put on it. Theresa asked if there can be an overall look at the condition of everything at the circle. No time frame on when the building Bettina has ordered will be up. Adrianna asked if there is a smoking area then receptors will be needed. Jay said he'll find some.

-Next on the agenda was a Q & A Session to review the warrant.

The different warrants discussed were as follows:

The Moshup's Trail land being put into conservation by the VCS;

The Plastic Bag By-law.

Adult Community Education in the town budget;

The CPC Article involving funds for restoring the Mayhew Chapel in West Tisbury;

The CPC Article to assess and document artifacts in possession of the ACC.

The N.E.H.S.P article for funds needed to propagate the Tinker Weed;

The Community Housing Article for land adjacent to the town landfill;

The donation of the West Basin road to the town by the DOT;

The two Assessor's articles for a new computer and the bi-annual reval;

The article about Planning Board alternate members being added to the ZBL;

The article to pass new flood plain by-law regulations;

The article for allowing multifamily affordable housing dwellings.

-The free cash articles were all reviewed with little discussion. There was discussion about revenues that came into the town from last year.

-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 8:00pm.