

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 6/21/2016
Aquinnah Selectmen's Meeting Room

Members present: Chairman Julianne Vanderhoop, Jim Newman

Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, Sgt Paul Manning, Police Chief Randhi Belain, Fire Chief Simon Bollin, Planning Board Chairman Peter Temple, Treasurer Sibel Suman

The meeting began at 5:32 pm.

-1st on the agenda under Old Business was a review of the minutes from 6-7.

Jim was not at the meeting of June 7th so the minutes approval was moved to the next meeting of the board.

-Next on the agenda was a meeting with Peter and further discussion about the "housing production plan" and the "community compacts" available that can be tied in with affordable housing. Peter said a grant has been applied for so that a consultant can be hired. He/she will evaluate and update the MVC Housing Needs Assessment as part of the overall goal of in creating the HPP. Peter said each town will have 3 community workshops to establish overall goal setting and create strategies for housing in the towns for the next ten years. He said the recent passing of the Aquinnah housing by-laws will be vetted so that all planning going forward will be available to the public.

-The Board agreed that Wednesday's and/or Thursdays at 5:30 or earlier would be a good time to have the 3 meetings at 2 ½ hours each.

-Next on the agenda under new business were committee and department head reappointments (see attached).

Jim made a motion to accept the slate as presented. Juli seconded.

There was discussion about having Simon added as an assistant to the Emergency Management Director.

The motion was amended to include Fire Chief Simon Bollin in that position.

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

-In Other Business, the Aquinnah 4th of July parade was discussed. Adam reminded Jim and Juli that they are part of the parade list.

-In Other Business, the letter from the Cemetery Commission was read by Juli. The Board still had concerns about recent damage done to the entrance of the cemetery and asked Adam to set up another meeting with the commission.

-In Other Business, the Board was presented with two requests to carry over vacation by both the Asst. Assessor and the Tax Collector.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to allow the two carry overs.

-In Other Business, Sibel came to the board requesting permission to use counsel on matters dealing with septic repair and the loan programs available to pay for them by the town. She said she may need counsel but has talked with the state commissioner on where the reports are funded. She talked about the history of the septic loan program.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to allow Sibel to use town counsel for matters related to the septic loan program, if necessary.

-In related business, Jim talked about the Baptist Church and its Parish House having their debt forgiven. There was discussion about needing counsel to figure out how the town can go about removing the tax title for the church's

rental property. There was consensus by the Board to go forward in seeking counsel to alleviate the debt for the church and parish hall.

-In Other Business, Simon talked about the boat fire that occurred over the weekend. He told the story of how the boat caught fire in Chilmark and ended up being beached and put out in Aquinnah. There was discussion about Aquinnah not having a boat available to deploy the fuel container booms when the boat was finally beached on Lobsterville. The USCG, Chilmark and Aquinnah's Harbormasters weren't available and the town was lucky enough that the hazardous spill from the boat (diesel fuel), went out with the tide and not onto the beach. There was discussion about how the calls came down and who didn't come through in their duties. He said there will be a meeting with fire chiefs, harbormasters, DEP officials and others to figure out protocols going forward. Incident command will be reviewed and the passage of command occurs, how the boat was evacuated and how long it was before various resources were brought into play.

-The Board, by consensus, agreed to allow Simon to meet with various officials to work out command situations going forward.

-Juli asked if there was anything else to come before the board. Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

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

-The meeting ended at 6:25 pm