

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting 6/7/2016  
Aquinnah Old Town Hall

Members present: Chairman Julianne Vanderhoop, Gary Haley

Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, Gazette Reporter Alex Elvin, Sgt Paul Manning, DPW Director Jay Smalley, Police Chief Randhi Belain, Planning Board Chairman Peter Temple, Spa Tharpe, Refuse District Representative Sophie Abrams, Liz Witham, Ken Wentworth

The meeting began at 5:32 pm.

-1<sup>st</sup> on the agenda under Old Business was a review of the minutes from 5-17.

Gary made a motion to accept the minutes from May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Juli seconded.

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

-Next on the agenda under Old Business was a meeting with DPW Director Jay Smalley for a follow up discussion on beautification efforts at the Circle. Jay said he met with shop owners to see what they wanted as far as landscaping was concerned. There was a request to take the sign down for the bathrooms and to paint the fences and do some plantings. Because the area where there had been picnic tables was going to be used for shop space, he said he had been asked to have 6 – 8 tables in a sitting area with the possibility of shelter as well. There was discussion about the old tables being put in the circle.

Jay said manufactured tables rather than wood were preferable. He has concerns about finding the funds. There was discussion about clearing more area and grading out so that there are more places for people to sit and eat. Paul talked about the natural grade from the edge of the road to the rail fence being a good spot. Jay said that area can be cleared out because it's underbrush.

-Peter said the planning board will need to review and approve work done because the area is in the DCPC. There was discussion about a cultural arts sign replacing the bathroom directional sign. He talked about Bettina's shop being currently in the planning review process.

-Next on the agenda was a meeting with Peter and healthy aging MV group he is part of. He is promoting a six town letter endorsement and recognition by AARP for HA MV going forward with planning project and funding for seniors on MV tied in with affordable housing and transportation. There was discussion about how the World Health Organization is asking communities to develop 3 year assessment plans for those attempting to age in place.

**The Board, by consensus, approved the proposed correspondence.**

Peter said he'd draft the letters and bring them to Juli for signature.

-Next Peter talked about the All Island Planning Board having a subcommittee to look at the over-all strategy for a "housing production plan" (HPP). He said the goal for the island is to have 1,000 units of affordable. This amount goes beyond the MVC's All Island Plan. He said the HPP would meet the 10% target for affordable homes in each community. Peter said Aquinnah already has 25% (because of Tribal Housing), but should be doing more.

Peter said in order to get the production plan done, a letter from all six towns was needed to get a state grant to hire a regional planner to do the study. The Planner will come here 4 – 6 times over the next 6 months. Planning assistance towards Affordable housing will include an additional scope of work as yet to be determined. There was discussion about the HPP, 40 B development and MV Commission approval for additional funding.

Gary made a motion to join the 6 town application for the DACS funds. Juli seconded.

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

-Peter then went on to discuss "community compacts" tied in with affordable housing. If there is an agreement in place, more funding becomes available. Peter said the application only comes once.

Compacts are available for 3 different housing production plans but compacts in other areas could qualify for technical assistance funding. Long term capital planning, cyber planning and disaster recovery plans can all be community compacts. He asked Adam to see if there is applicability beyond the housing whether an Aquinnah compact could also be achieved.

-Next on the Agenda was the regional pilot compost food waste program. Sophie Abrams talked about the refuse district helping in getting educational materials. A buy/recycle policy to include paper saving policies and other efforts like drop off stations. The program would establish food waste receptacles and \$1,900 in grants for these receptacles to be located at the landfill for pick up.

Gary made a motion to accept the Buy/Recycle policy. Juli seconded.

**The Board voted 2- 0 in favor. The motion passed**

-Next on the agenda was a meeting with Liz W. She presented a proposal to do renovations at the Manning Property. There was discussion about the #9 building; what is needed to get it ready for her media presentation and if the reserve fund could be used to make repairs since it is an unforeseen expense the DPW will have to absorb.

-Liz also talked about the upgrades to the web site. She talked about a timeline in October to bring it down for Structural changes. She'll take suggestions about improving the site. She talked about putting minutes up on the web site. There was discussion about having a dropbox for minutes and agenda postings. Adam talked about agendas going in the calendar section. Liz also talked about the updates to the Lighthouse web site and what she intends to do in making changes appropriate for the ongoing restoration. She got the log in credentials from Paula Eisenberg and will update the technology involved in its presentation.

-In Other Business, June Flahive asked for permission to perform music at the circle. She's a retired school teacher who plays guitar with a small amplifier to adjust. Adam asked how often she would perform. She said 3 times a week and would use different spots at the circle.

There was discussion about having buskers licensing.

By consensus, the Board agreed to allow June to do her guitar playing 3 times a week.

-In Other Business, Randhi asked about the parking at the Manning property.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to make the area Resident Parking only. Jay said he'd put up the appropriate signs.

-In Other Business, Spa asked if the speed bumps recently put on Church Street were being reduced in size.

Jay said they are legal and fall under the height limit. There was discussion about the size of the bumps. Jay said that the bumps have been measured and are legal.

The Board, by consensus, rescinded their decision to have the bumps shaved down since they have been determined to be legal.

-Jay said he has the signage for the bumps and will put them up next.

-In Other Business, Adam brought up the reappointment schedule. Juli and Gary want to do the reappointments at the next meeting June 21<sup>st</sup>.

-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 7:00 pm