

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 8/30/2016
Aquinnah Town Hall

Members present: Vice Chairman Jim Newman, Gary Haley

Also present: Town Administrator Adam Wilson, Fire Chief Simon Bollin, ConCom Chairman Sarah Thulin, Police Chief Randhi Belain, Sgt Paul Manning, Tom Murphy.

The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

-1st on the agenda was review of the minutes from the 8/2 Selectmen's meeting

The Board put off reviewing the minutes until the next meeting because of quorum matters.

-Next on the agenda under Old Business was a meeting with Sarah and the results of the bids that came in for the Philbin Beach Boardwalk project. She said the project was bid out and 4 bids returned. Sarah reported that McCarthy Construction was the low bid at \$79,400. Next was Plan B with a bid of \$83,444 followed by Aquamarine Construction at \$114,969 and finally Lawrence Lynch at \$164,754.66. The Committee did not anticipate that costs would be that high and the committee recommended rejecting the bids because of insufficient funds. Adam talked about the recommendation from the Beach Access Committee to reject all bids going to the Selectmen, who are the procurement officers for the town.

There was discussion about the bids coming in at \$80K and over \$100K.

Gary motioned to reject the bids for the Philbin Beach Boardwalk project due to insufficient funds. Jim Seconded.

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

-Adam said that the Request for Qualifications for the space needs study was due the 31st at 5:00 pm.

-On the Agenda for New Business, the Board reviewed a regional sheltering agreement out together by Emergency Management Director Gary Robinson. Simon talked about the lack of volunteers manning shelters from each town and the increased man power needed. He said the shelter could move from the OB school to the high school depending on the scale of the emergency. There was discussion about contingency plans for travel to the down island shelter. Adam said taxis could be used. Simon said it's a good program and only costs \$200 for start up.

Jim made a motion to accept the regional sheltering program plan. Gary seconded.

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

Next on the agenda was a review of the letter to conserve water in Aquinnah.

By consensus, the Board agreed to send out the notice through social media.

-Next on the agenda was a review of the license agreement for the Coast Guard's non-exclusive utilization of a portion of North County Road/Boathouse Road in Aquinnah. Adam said the agreement has been reviewed twice by town counsel and is approved.

Jim made a motion to accept the licensing easement for a water line through Aquinnah to the Coast Guard Station's Rescue Boat House. Gary seconded.

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

In Other Business, Roger Howlett came to discuss the problem with drones in the neighborhood. He says they are at the Lighthouse in the morning and at night. There was discussion about how to legally remove them from town owned areas or a specific area. There was discussion about having a by-law to either prevent or permit a drone flying. The Board talked about the Land Bank's success in preventing drone usage on its property.

In Other Business, There was discussion about a bicycle speed bump accident that occurred on Church St. Randhi said he would talk to Jay about getting the speed bumps painted.

In Other Business, The Board reviewed the request of Rotary Annual Cycle Martha's Vineyard Bike Challenge 10/1. By consensus, the Board approved the request of the use of Aquinnah roads for the cycle challenge ride October 1st.

In Other Business, Tom talked about the Lighthouse Rd. stop line and signs being 30' apart. Randhi said he'd talk to Jay to follow up

-Jim 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 6:05 pm