

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 3/15/2011
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Meeting Room

Members present: Camille Rose, Chairman, Spencer Booker, Jim Newman

Also present: Adam Wilson, Town Administrator, Mike Hebert, Derrill Bazy, County Pest Management Director TJ Hegarty

The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

Old Business- The board reviewed minutes of Selectmen's minutes from 2/15 + Selectmen/FinCom's minutes from 2/22, 23, 24, 3/01 & 3/9. Spencer wanted to make one amended time change from the 3/9 meeting.

Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from all 6 meetings. Spencer seconded.

The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

-1st item under New Business was the appointments of at large members to the CPC. The Board reviewed the submitted correspondence From Derrill Bazy, Bettina Washington and Marshall Lee. There was discussion about the makeup of the Committee and who would be representing the different community review boards as well as the concept of representation on the committee from the Tribal Authority.

Spencer made a motion to appoint Derrill Bazy as an At Large member to the CPC. Jim seconded.

The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

Jim made a motion to appoint Bettina Washington as an At Large member to the CPC. Spencer seconded.

The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

Spencer made a motion to appoint Marshall Lee as an At Large member to the CPC. Jim seconded.

The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

There was discussion about when reappointments to the CPC would occur since these appointments were to fill positions left vacant from a realignment of board members. Camille said all appointments should occur after the town meeting.

-Next on the agenda was a discussion about changing the handicap spaces. Adam said it was brought to his attention from the police that the current spaces were poorly marked and do not accommodate those needing the ramp to gain access to Town Hall. He handed out a sketch drawing showing where to possibly reposition the spaces over by the ramp and close to the outside bulletin board. He said he's already talked to Jay Smalley about having new signs. There was discussion about employees parking elsewhere allowing short term parking to be more available to residents. Camille said there is money for resurfacing areas of the campus for more parking. There was discussion about making the ground area where the new parking spots would go a harder surface and using turf stone to create a hard surface for those who are wheel chair bound.

Spencer made a motion to move the parking spaces over to the other side of the handicap ramp. Jim seconded.

The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

-Next on the agenda was Tom Hegarty's presentation of the County's integrated pest management program. He said the program has done very well and has increased every year in revenue since its inception. There was discussion about having the Vineyard included in a reclamation project sponsored by the state testing for West Nile Virus and insect borne encephalitis. There was discussion about what was budgeted last year for the

County program and the increase in this year's request. TJ talked about changes in county management that have affected his budget. He said he would get Adam a copy of his budget breaking down what is the costs (wages & expenses) to run his department. There was discussion about the use of rodenticide now being limited as of this June to 50 feet from a man made structure. The rodents that frequent harbor rip raps, landfills and transfer stations will be limited to the use of the pesticide due to new regulations. There was discussion about the different infestations that can occur in beachfront areas as well as the jetty area.

-Spencer asked about the Cape Cod mosquito control program, which is part of the State's Reclamation Board and Pesticide Bureau. TJ said to be part of that program, every town would have to take money from their cherry sheet to fund it. There are over 100 miles of ditches on the Vineyard that have been neglected. TJ said there are machines that can eradicate man made ditches. He pointed out the remnants of ditching that are in different places in Aquinnah & Chilmark. Board members thanked TJ for his presentation.

-Adam gave his report about the estuaries payment made by the Kennedy family. He said they have complied with the Town's request for funding of the estuaries project soon to be started and the money is in a reserve account.

-Adam reported that the interior lighting project has been completed. He also handed to board members two bids to do all the interior painting. There was discussion about the advertising that occurred, both in the newspaper and through e-mails that produced the bids.

By consensus, the Board agreed that enough advertising had been done and that the received bids would be sufficient to vote on.

-Board members reviewed the two written bids that came in. Camille talked about the type of paint used for the Old Town Hall renovation and hoped similar materials would be used.

Spencer made a motion to accept the bid from R. Convery for \$18,521.25 + \$914.00 for the radiators. Jim seconded.

The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

-Next on the agenda was a discussion about having a town form for request to legal counsel. Adam produced a template document he had made that highlights the need for staff, department heads, community review committees and their chairman to verify that they have either exhausted options in getting pro bono counsel or that they need ongoing litigation services. Jim commented that it had been policy in the past to get approval before going to RR & K. Camille said that the document doesn't ask for permission to call counsel, just that there has been an attempt to get answers either from the selectmen's office, other town resources or the AG's office 1st before picking up the phone to call Michael (Goldsmith) or Ron (Rappaport).

-There was discussion about also having a form for employees to fill out requesting comp time. Jim said it is necessary for town employees to inform them that they need extra time in order to get their work done and that it is documented in the personnel files. Camille said there is a policy in place that requires permission to do comp time and that it is signed off by a supervisor.

Jim made a motion to accept the form presented for counsel referral and that a similar form be made for employees requesting comp time. Spencer seconded.

The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

-Under new business, Camille showed board members that there is a request for a warrant article to establish a survey for photovoltaic use at the town refuse site. There was discussion about the allowance of the infrastructure on the capped site and what other towns are doing for renewable energy. Board members agree it's a win-win situation for the town and having reusable energy for municipal use.

-Camille also read a request for use of Lobsterville Beach July 8th for a wedding rehearsal dinner.
By consensus the board agreed to grant the request.

- Jim asked that there be a letter from the BOS thanking Natalie for her work done at the library. The retirement party is scheduled March 31st at the library at 5:00 pm.

-There was a brief discussion about the landfill and the costs to run it and the idea of raising fees to compensate the expense as well as the ongoing discussion the Selectmen are having with the Board of Health about refuse coming from the businesses at the cliffs.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30.