

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting 5/3/2011  
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

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

Also present: Adam Wilson, Town Administrator, Moderator Mike Hebert, Jeffrey Madison

The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

Under Old Business the Board took up acceptance of Selectmen/FinCom's minutes from 4/12 & 4/15  
Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from April 12<sup>th</sup>. Spencer seconded.

The Board voted 3 – 0 to approve. The motion passed.

Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from April 15<sup>th</sup>. Camille seconded.

The Board voted 2 – 0 – 1 to approve (Spencer abstained). The motion passed.

-Also under Old Business, Adam had the Selectmen sign off on several documents and a single voting district map to be sent to the Local Election Districts Review Commission for review.

-Under New Business, Adam presented the Annual Town Warrant for signature by the Selectmen.

There was discussion on the article having to do with the prevention of tabling an article at a town meeting. There was discussion about the process of tabling applies to Robert's Rules of Order and if the town ever voted to adopt the rules for its town meetings.

-The Board reviewed the proposed Mass Estuaries Agreement between the Town and UMass – Dartmouth. The payment schedule was discussed.

Spencer made a motion for the approving of the contract. Jim seconded.

The Board voted 3 – 0 to approve. The motion passed.

-The Selectmen took up a request from the New England Wildlife Association for a botanist survey of Lobsterville & Philbin Beaches. Board approved.

Spencer made a motion to grant the request. Jim seconded.

The Board voted 3 – 0 to approve. The motion passed.

Camille instructed Adam to contact Tobias Vanderhoop at the Tribe to let him know of the request and contact information and the Board's actions.

-The Selectmen discussed the Green Communities Act. Camille stated she had lunch with Henry Stevenson and reviewed the Town of Tisbury's efforts to be recognized as a "green community." Jim said there should be a push and go to the Planning Board now because it's a huge amount of work. Camille said the stretch code is a good place to start and that there is good funding to accomplish that task. There was discussion on municipal solar paneling, hybrid town vehicles and glacial melting. Camille said the FEMA maps are being re-evaluated because they are inaccurate and certain places on the island will have higher flood levels. Camille asked that a letter be written to the Planning Board to take up the guideline for Aquinnah to become "green" and that the stretch code is the 1<sup>st</sup> step. The Board thought it also wise to get Mr. Stevenson to come to a joint meeting of both boards.

-In the Town Administrator's Report, Adam reviewed his findings from the panel discussion presented out at Conway, MA for solar energy panels at municipal landfills, the donation made by the Our Island Club group to the Philbin Beach Scholarship and Vanderhoop Homestead, The scheduled oil spill response training June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and the Unsung Heroines of Massachusetts award given to June Manning.

-In Selectmen's Other Business there was discussion about more signage up at the cliff area and how to strategically place them so that there doesn't need to be so many.

-Jim asked that a letter of recognition be sent to Elise LeBovit at the Duck Inn for her many years of providing an Easter egg hunt at her place of business. Adam said he'd write the letter.

-It was announced that the Fall River Radio Club will once again be camped out at the cliffs over the weekend. Adam stated that the bathrooms are ready to go for the season.

-Camille asked about the ESS contract for the Homestead. Mike was asked if the leaseholder was responsible as well. There was discussion about events that happened in March that led to a big bill to fix and change the location of the sensors. The Board agreed that the security system is for the leaseholder's benefit and the bill should be paid by them for its maintenance and upkeep.

-Camille brought up the issue about the trash problem up at the cliffs and at the Land Bank beach path. She reported that Jay has had to haul trash away at different times during the summer because the receptacles overflow. Camille asked Adam to call the Land Bank and make them aware of the problem.

-There was discussion about trash removal at Philbin Beach and blue barrel placement in key areas there.

-There was discussion on lease renewals for the Cliff businesses.

The Board agreed to meet with the leaseholders and the Tribe Monday @ 7:00 pm May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm. Right after, the Selectmen reconvened as the FinCom to sign off on several reserve fund expenditures and line item transfers. There was brief discussion on the costs involved in fixing the police's Ford SUV

This meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.