

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 8/02/2011
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

Members present: Jim Newman, Chairman, Spencer Booker, Beverly Wright

Also present: Adam Wilson, Town Administrator, Police Chief Randhi Belain, Berta Welch, and Adrianna Ignacio.
The meeting began at 5:00 pm.

The minutes from 7/5 were 7/19 were motioned and seconded for acceptance.

The Board voted 2 – 0 – 1 in favor to accept the minutes from July 5th, 2011. The motion passed.
The Board voted 2 – 0 – 1 in favor to accept the minutes from July 19, 2011. The motion passed.

1st item on the agenda was the Board reviewing the Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trust and designating an appointee to that trust. Adam briefly explained the Trust's goals and a meeting he had with Treasurer Judie Jardin that resulted with the decision to have Adam be the representative for the Town as one of the overseers for the Trust.

Beverly made a motion to have Town Administrator Adam Wilson as the Town's appointee to the Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust, Spencer seconded.

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

-The Board took up the Joinder Agreement, which formalizes the vote to join the trust. There was discussion about what OPEB will provide and what other towns have joined and who wrote the joinder agreement draft.

Beverly made a motion to have Jim Newman sign the joinder agreement as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Aquinnah. Spencer seconded.

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

-Jim signed off on the Joinder Agreement.

-Next on the agenda was a meeting to discuss the lease for the Aquinnah Cultural Center. Berta and Adrianna represented the ACC and wanted to discuss parking for their special events. Berta said they need to have more parking resources for their fundraising events. Jim said special arrangements can be arranged as long as Randhi is notified. Areas of the circle where parking could occur were discussed. Adam said he would change the lease language on parking but it was decided that any event that occurs after 4 pm can use the Town's parking lot at no expense. There was discussion about the spaces available around the Homestead.

-The Board discussed with Berta and Adrianna the electrical wiring issues on the second floor. Adam said he'd be taking over the custodial responsibilities from Derrill and would be in touch with Electrician Gary Haley to fix the wiring on the second floor. There was discussion about the ACC's responsibilities to keep the building in good order and condition and who would pay for general repairs. It was agreed that the language in the lease would be edited to clarify maintenance responsibilities. There was discussion about the fire alarm/burglar system and who would have keys to the building as well as the code to turn it off and on. It was agreed that both the Selectmen's office and the Police department would have keys to the building. Adam will be in touch with Derrill about the burglar alarm code.

-There was discussion about the ongoing landscaping to be done in front of the Center. There is a request to have the work done that would open up a walkway to the Center so that the public would not use the

access road getting to the ACC. Adam said he'd talk to Derrill about the CPC allocation passed at the May STM and how to get that project to its next step.

-It was also agreed that the language about deliveries would be eliminated and that ACC employees would be able to obtain permits to park in the Town employee parking lot. There was brief discussion about handicap parking.

-Next on the agenda was a request of the Aquinnah/Chilmark Garden club for having available \$200 for a beautification project. Beverly said she'd follow up on a plan to do a planting at the Circle Area Bathrooms in the fall. There was discussion about having the bathrooms doors painted a different color when they are scheduled to be repainted.

Spencer made a motion to accept the monetary gift from the Garden Club of \$200 to be used for an Aquinnah planting/beautification project at the restroom area. Jim seconded.
The Board voted 3 – 0 in favor. The motion passed.

-Next on the agenda was the letter proposed going to the Department of Housing and Community Development objecting to the proposed change in seeking block grants in alternate years. The Board reviewed the letter and signed off on it.

-Next on the agenda was a request from MV Rotary for their Cycle Martha's Vineyard challenge in October. Jim said Randhi should get a heads up a few days before the race. The Board, by consensus, gave permission to allow the Third Annual Cycle Martha's Vineyard Bicycle Challenge to occur in Aquinnah October 1, 2011.

-The Board moved onto a review of recently drafted taxi regulations done by Adam. There was discussion about having to post and/or publishing the proposed regulations. Adam said he'd contact Pam Dolby in Edgartown to find out what are the requirements for getting the regs properly approved. There was discussion about what the fee schedule are for the service and if there could be island wide uniformity in rates for service island wide. Jim said he'd like to see a uniform maximum rate for taxi service to Aquinnah from anywhere on the island. There was discussion about how the prices for rides can fluctuate based on economic conditions.

-The board made edits to the document. There was discussion about how to keep the cabs clean and staying open until bar closing. Spencer asked about the Town having a designated cab stand. Adam stated that the existing company isn't asking for a parking spot up at the circle and that towns don't have to have them if they are basing their operation at the airport. Randhi said that any discussion about a cab stand at the circle should be done when there's discussion about parking in general.

-Adam reconfirmed the summer tax payers meeting being Wednesday, August 10th @ 6:00pm. Randhi mentioned that the Stanley Cup may make an appearance that same day.

-Adam asked if the Selectmen wanted to be in the August 16th parade for the 150 year anniversary of the Agricultural Society. The Board politely declined but appreciated the invitation.

-Beverly made a motion to go into executive session regarding tax title/town taking issues and other legal matters and to not reconvene after the session. Spencer seconded.
The roll call vote was Jim (Aye), Spencer (Aye) and Beverly (Aye).

-The regular Selectmen's meeting ended at 6:05 pm