

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting 9/13/2011
Aquinnah Town Hall Selectmen's Mtg Room

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

Also present: Adam Wilson, Town Administrator, Marjorie Spitz, Town Accountant

-The meeting began at 8:35 am. The Board talked about the article # 4 for paramedic training. This led to talk about the proposed new financial agreement with Tri-Town. There was discussion about the different scenarios being proposed by the WT Selectmen to change the budget formula.

-The Board reviewed the articles. Article 3 dealing with the \$20,800 for the Town's share of FY '12 Medicare and social security payments was discussed. There was discussion about the storage article and the renting of space at the airport. There was discussion about the job position for tax title taking. Questions were asked about hiring a person vs a company and the cost per hour. There was discussion about the extra police wages and reimbursement.

Beverly made a motion to approve the 9 – 27 warrant. Spencer seconded.

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

-There was more talk about the Tri-Town agreement and committee oversight (Selectmen vs Police Chiefs). Spencer thought the Fire Chiefs in each up-island town should be on the ambulance committee. There was discussion about Selectmen vs Fire Chiefs on the committee and the scrutiny of the budget. There was discussion about the qualifications of different individuals to have oversight. There was discussion about how to define the responsibilities of Tri-Town's oversight committee – whether or not it is broad or narrowly defined. Jim said the formula is most disconcerting. Jim's proposal is for the Town to pay 20% of the total Tri-Town budget and not participate in the revenue sharing.

-Spencer made a motion to adjourn. Beverly seconded.

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

The meeting ended at 9:12 am.