

Meeting called to order by Mr. Parker at 7:30 PM

### Minutes

August 15<sup>th</sup> approved as corrected.

### Chamber of Commerce

The new Executive Director Nancy Gardella introduced herself to the Board and offered to work with them in the future.

### Historical Commission

Jane Slater asked the Selectmen to appoint a seventh member to the historical commission and suggested Karin Wetmore.

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to expand the membership of the Historical Commission to seven. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to appoint Karin Wetmore to the seventh seat on the historical commission. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

### VTA

The board received a letter of complain from the Picket House regarding the size of the bus used for the beach run. Mr. Doty said that the bus system was working and had been created to address the overcrowding at Lucy Vincent Beach's parking lot. The Selectmen agreed to pursue a smaller bus, perhaps like the park-n-ride shuttle, for next season.

### Building Department

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to approve the prior posting of the vacancy for a wiring inspector and assistant. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

The board discussed raising the inspections fees paid to the plumbing and gas inspectors to \$50. Mr. Doty asked to see what West Tisbury charges. Mr. Parker asked what other towns charge. Mr. Parker tabled this until Thursday at 5:15 PM at the Joint Meeting with the FINCOM.

### Personnel Board

Mr. Parker said that the Personnel Board recommended that the Building Inspector be designated as an Exempt employee under the FLSA. Mr. Parker said that the position is exempt in Edgartown. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to designate the Building Inspector exempt. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Doty said that this does not change the current situation that the Building Inspector must continue to have posted office hours and be in the town hall to talk with applicants. Mr. Parker said he would check on the job description.

### FEMA Flood Insurance

Mr. Carroll told the board that MEMA and FEMA were hosting workshops this month on the Flood Insurance Program. He asked if the board thought he and the Building Inspector should attend. Mr. Doty said that he had heard that the insurance was limited to \$250,000, because the town did not want to encourage "tear-downs" to build larger houses in the coastal areas. Mr. Fenner said he didn't want to see Menemsha up on stilts. None of the Selectmen were available to go to the workshops. It was agreed to have the Executive Secretary and the Building Inspector go and to ask Chuck Hodgkinson if he would go.

## MMA 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest

Mr. Parker said he was willing to participate. Mr. Fenner pointed out that the deadline was today. It was agreed to call the West Tisbury Principal to see if they were going to participate.

## Tea Lane

The police department report on speeding along Tea Lane was discussed. Mr. Parker asked at what speed should the Police ticket. There was discussion. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to stop and warn drivers over 20 MPH and ticket over 25 MPH at the discretion of the Chief of Police. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

## School District

Mr. Carroll asked for this to be tabled as he had not been able to determine what the representation for the labor negotiations was going to be. Mr. Doty asked that the representative be appointed by the three towns without having a joint meeting.

## Fire Dept

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to authorize the chairman to sign agreements for excess federal property with the commonwealth on behalf of the fire department. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

## Application Form

The Selectmen approved the concept of an application for people interested in serving on town boards.

## Special Town Meeting

The Selectmen reviewed the draft warrant. The word "approval" was added to article #1, articles 6 and 7 were reversed, article 15 was reduced to \$100,000, article 25 was merged into article 20 and article 20 was increased to \$10,000, and the harbor articles were primarily funded by transferring harbor funds. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to call a Special Town Meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> 2006 at 7:30 PM at the Community Center by the warrant as amended. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

## FINCOM

Mr. Parker said that Richard Williams was willing to serve on the Finance Advisory Committee. The Selectmen were reminded that they had a joint meeting with the FINCOM on Thursday at 5:15PM so a new member could be elected to the FINCOM.

Meeting recessed.

September 7<sup>th</sup> 2006 at 5:15 PM the meeting was called to order by Mr. Parker with Mr. Fenner in attendance with Marshall Carroll, Doug Sederholm, Sarah Mayhew Shipway, and Bill Randol of the FINCOM in the Selectmen's meeting room.

## Plumbing & Gas Fees

The group reviewed the report by Ms. Anthony on the fees charged by other towns. Len Jason was present. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to approve a fee of \$50 per inspection be paid to the inspectors. SO VOTED: Two Ayes.

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting followed.

The first item on the agenda for the Finance Committee was a Reserve Fund Transfer request of \$5,000.00 for the cost of hiring a consultant to work on obtaining a Distributed Antenna System (DAS) to be installed on various telephone poles throughout the town.

Frank Fenner stated that the system entails installing a small antenna that is 5 or 6 feet tall on top of telephone poles. The information goes to a "hotel" (small building where the central electronics is located).

Marshall Carroll asked if this is being done in conjunction with Aquinnah. Frank Fenner replied that they are already on their way but if we could join with them it would be beneficial to all. The total consultant cost would be approximately \$10,000.00. But he was not sure what it would take to get it through the Request for Proposal (RFP). Doug Sederholm asked what the overall cost of installation would be. Frank Fenner answered that the provider would bear the cost after it goes out to RFP. Doug asked if Aquinnah should join the RFP and Frank answered that he thought the consultant would advise. Doug Sederholm warned that due to some commission meetings he has attended that the town shouldn't think that the DAS would be able to be put on existing poles as they are owned by NStar. He thinks that Aquinnah has to put up new poles. Marshall asked if there was any way to get revenue out of the project. Frank Fenner stated that we'd have to have the "hotel" on our property to do that. Lenny Jason pointed out that if the "hotel" is on non town owned property, property tax would be paid on it. Bill Randol made a motion to accept the reserve transfer, Sarah Shipway seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

Tim Carroll explained that due to a recent accident that totaled a police cruiser, he is anticipating a future reserve fund transfer request for a replacement. Due to this, he has increased the warrant article from \$5,000.00 for DAS to add \$5,000.00 for a police cruiser.

#### **WARRANT ARTICLES:**

**Article 1:** Middle Line Path article. Lenny Jason stated that the process is moving ahead. Doug Sederholm asked for a review on what had been approved so far. Riggs Parker replied that \$212,000.00 had been approved. Doug Sederholm asked about the rental versus owners process. Lenny Jason answered that there will be 12 dwellings total; six would be owned and built by owner; six would be rentals and an RFP would go out for them. David Handlin is designing the project pro bono. Doug Sederholm stated that he is concerned that the article would authorize the selectmen to spend a lot of money without any dollar amounts listed and the Fincom is being asked to vote on something without knowing the cost to the town. Riggs Parker stated that the article should state that the amount spent would be the dollar amount already appropriated. Lenny Jason stated that the article is simply stating a change of direction. Doug Sederholm then asked how the resident homesites would be allocated. Riggs Parker replied that it would be on accordance with the homesite housing guidelines being drafted by the housing committee, subject to approval by the selectmen. Doug Sederholm said that the article should reference the \$212,000.00. He then made a motion to recommend the article, Bill Randol seconded it and it was passed unanimously.

**Article 2:** Tim Carroll stated that all people are on the Medicare health benefits supplement plan so no one would be affected by the move. Melanie Becker stated that no one would need to be converted but this would make sure that in the future everyone would have to be on the plan. Doug Sederholm made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 3:** 5% fee for all off-duty and special work performed on private details. Doug Sederholm made a motion to recommend and Sarah S. seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 4:** Sarah Shipway made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 5:** Doug Sederholm made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 6:** Doug Sederholm made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 7:** Doug Sederholm made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 8:** Bill Randol made a motion to recommend and Doug Sederholm seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 9:** Tim C. said was that we are required to pay this but we will get reimbursed. Sarah Shipway made a motion to recommend and Doug Sederholm seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 10:** Melanie Becker stated that the article should say “retirement of debt” instead of “interest on Long Term Debt.” She stated because we borrowed less money, we borrowed for only five years. We will be saving money on interest but pay more down on principal. Sarah Shipway made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 11:** Doug Sederholm made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 12:** Sarah Shipway made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 13:** Sarah Shipway made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 15:** Doug Sederholm made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 16:** Sarah Shipway made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 17:** Sarah Shipway made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 18:** Sarah Shipway made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 19:** Doug Sederholm made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 20:** Tim Carroll explained that this is the article regarding the DAS and cruiser. Sarah Shipway made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 21:** Bill Randol made a motion to recommend and Sarah Shipway seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 22:** Doug Sederholm made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 23:** Doug Sederholm made a motion to take no action and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Article 24:** Tim Carroll stated that the Tripp Barnes bill was for the moving of the Police Department and the Cottle’s bill was for the harbor department. Doug Sederholm made a motion to recommend and Bill Randol seconded, all Members voted unanimously in favor.

**Election of new member:** The finance committee opened up the floor to nominations. Richard Williams was nominated. The nominations were closed and a written ballot vote was taken. Richard Williams was elected to fill one of the board vacancies.

**CIP Committee:** Frank Yeomans and Richard Williams will be the members of the committee which will next meet on September 20<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm